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COMMUNIST REIGN AT LUKFUNG.

"IRONSIDES" JOIN THE
RED ELEMENTS.

CHANG FAT-KWAI'S RETREAT.

Swatow, Jan. 12.
It appears certain by now that
however much the retreating
"Ironsides" have been harried on
their way, and to some extent vic-
tories won over them, they have
not been, in any comprehensive
sense, defeated. A frontal en-
gagement was in fact avoided by
the troops opposing them. Their
strength is considerable, and a
battle would have been costly.
There were also the underground
considerations, the known fact
that Chang Fat-kwai has Marshal
Chiang Kai-shek's support, and so
on. They were therefore opposed,
but not too strongly.

The 11th Army divided along
three roads to bar their retreat by
Ho-nien, but the main body got
through and proceeded in the
direction of Kayingchow. They
are believed now to be on the
Kiangsi border, and if the armies
there treat them in the same way,
they should make good their pas-
sage to the North.

Communists Regain Luk-Fung.

On the retreat, however, there
has been some scattering of the
troops, and it has been reported
that part of them got into the Luk-
Fung district, and were wel-
comed by the Communists there.
We hear now that the combined
forces have retaken Luk-Fung.
Those refugees who had hopes of
returning in that direction have
had to change their plans again.
Since Luk-Fung was only taken
from the Communists by the local
peasants hastily organised to fight
as a last alternative, to cruel
death, it may have been easy for
a few regulars to drive them out
again. The inaction of the au-
thorities here and in Canton in the
matter of Luk-Fung is cause
for much comment.

I have been unable to verify the
report that two brigades of Pei
Shung-hsi's Army have arrived in
Swatow, and that a third is follow-
ing. So far as can be ascertained,
not more than two battalions came
by sea, and none since. There
may be, in that case, about 1,800
of them.

Road Construction.

Amid all the change of the past
seven or eight years there has been
a continued and consistent con-
structive effort to re-plan the
highways and the city of Swatow.
It was especially characteris-
tic of the policy of Chia Tsiung-
ming, who in this matter was vig-
orously upheld by his lieutenant,
Hong Chiao-ling, and although less
vigour was shown when they fell
from power, yet as soon as each
local Government has seated itself
in the saddle for a few weeks the
work has been continued. The
plans, good in themselves, have
borne hardly on the people whose
property was affected, and for some
the demolition of houses and shop-
pediment, while for others the loss
of part was compensated by the
enhanced value of what was left.
On the whole, the work has had the
support of popular opinion.

In Swatow, special difficulties
have been encountered. For one
thing, the place has grown up on no
recognisable plan. It was a fishing
village eighty years ago, and apart
from one carriage road paral-
lel with the harbour, the place
became a veritable rabbit-warren.
The construction of roads through
the congeries of narrow streets
and alleys has been a big under-
taking, not made easier by the
perennial lack of public funds
with which to continue the work.
Much has been begun by one set
of officials and left unfinished by
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LITHUANIA PLOT.

MANY SUSPECTED COM-
MUNISTS ARRESTED.

Kovno, Jan. 17.
Many arrests have been made in
connexion with the discovery of a
Communist organisation.—*Reuter.*

BIG WASHINGTON BLAZES.

TREMENDOUS DAMAGE ALL
OVER U. S. CAPITAL.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED

Washington, Jan. 17.
Washington experienced its
greatest scare of recent years
when an unprecedented series of
fires broke out all over the city in
the course of last night.

The fire-fighters were first called
out to a blaze at about midnight,
and from that time until early
morning alarms were sent out
from all parts.

There were four major con-
flagrations, interspersed with a
large number of smaller ones,
while false alarms were numerous.

The authorities sent out calls
for assistance to nearby cities,
and ten fire companies made the
forty-mile run from Baltimore in
time to combat at least two big
blazes.

The damage is estimated to run
into hundreds of thousands of
dollars; at least twenty firemen
were overcome by smoke, though
fortunately there were no fatal-
ities.

Two of the fires were in the
business section, and incendiarism
is suspected.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

ISLANDS RENTED TO
NORWEGIANS.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT
GRANTS LICENCE.

London, Jan. 17.
The Colonial Secretary an-
nounces that Messrs. Johan Ras-
mussen and Company, of Sande-
ford, Norway, are being granted an
exclusive licence to occupy certain
islands belonging to His Majesty,
named Bouvet Island and Thomp-
son Island.

The islands in question are un-
inhabited and are situated in the
South Atlantic Ocean in or about
Latitude 54.25 S Longitude 3.4 E.

The licence permits the Company
to take and treat whales in the
territorial waters of the islands
and to remove guano, subject,
inter alia to the payment of a
yearly rent for the islands and
royalties on the whale oil and
guano expected.

The licence is for a term of ten
years.—*British Wireless.*

BIG BATTLE WITH
TRIBESMEN.

CASUALTIES IN ITALIAN
OPERATIONS.

Rome, Jan. 17.
As the result of Italian military
operations in the Cyrenaica region,
Eastern Syria has been com-
pletely occupied and organised by
the military, thus ensuring the
territorial union of the two
colonies Benghazi and Tripoli.

Rebellious Mogarba tribesmen
were driven southward in disorder,
leaving 100 dead and 400 prisoners
with many thousands of sheep,
camels and much other property.

The Italian Air Force partici-
pated in the operations in which
the Italian casualties were nine killed
and fourteen wounded.—*Reuter.*

ENTOMBED MINERS
RESCUED.

BURIED 400 FEET UNDER THE
GROUND.

Shepton, Pa., Jan. 17.
Nine men have been entombed
400 feet underground in the Le-
high Valley Coal Mining Com-
pany's mine, through a shaft col-
lapsing. Tappings by the buried
men have been heard but the res-
cuers fear that it will take some
days to reach them.—*Reuter's
American Service.*

All Men Rescued.

The nine entombed men have been
rescued.—*Reuter's American Ser-
vice.*

TRAGIC PIRATE OUTRAGE. DESPERATE FIGHT FOR BRIDGE OF "SAN NAM HOI."

Captain and Chief Engineer Hold
Pirates at Bay.

OFFICER AND GUARDS KILLED.

Another sensational piratical outrage occurred on the West
River yesterday morning, when Mr. Hugh Conway, the Chief
Officer of the Chinese steamer San Nam Hoi, and two Indian
guards were killed and two other guards severely wounded.
The ship left Hongkong for Kongmoon on the previous night
and shortly after departure from the latter place for other
West River ports the pirates, who had come aboard as passen-
gers, attempted to take control of the vessel.

In all, there were some thirty pirates, who managed to
get on to the upper deck, but the Chief Engineer (Mr.
Houghton), who came out of his cabin on hearing shots,
succeeded in closing the grilles and iron-plated doors and thus
kept the pirates from invading the bridge. Here, Captain
Sparkes and Mr. Houghton kept up a stern resistance with the
pirates, recalling the defence of the s.s. Sunning in Bias Bay,
the former having meanwhile to navigate the ship as well.

Failing in their attempts, the pirates, after half an hour's
battle, jumped overboard into a sampan, but they were
subjected to rifle fire from the Captain and Chief Engineer,
several being killed, whilst about fifteen were captured ashore
by Chinese Merchant Volunteers.

Mr. Conway, it is believed, must have shot down when the
attack first began. He appears to have been coming out of his
cabin, where he had gone to fetch a revolver, when fatally
struck. Four of the Indian guards were attacked whilst
breakfasting in their cabin, one being killed outright and the
others wounded. One of the latter died on the way down to
Hongkong.

When the pirates had left, the San Nam Hoi continued
her trip to Kamechuk, meeting H.M.S. Faulkner, which placed
an armed party aboard and rendered first-aid to the injured.
The pirate ship then returned to Kongmoon, later leaving for
Hongkong, reaching here shortly after 3 a.m. to-day, the first
news of the outrage appearing in the S. C. M. Post this
morning.

GUARDS ATTACKED AT BREAKFAST.

The heroic defence of the bridge two, but it eased down after
is a story worth telling in detail, the armour-plated door furnish-
as in some respects it parallels, ed an effective screen.

Some twenty minutes later, the
shout went up that the pirates
were jumping overboard into a
sampan, and the Captain and
Chief Engineer ran to the side and
opened a fusillade at the escaping
pirates, some of whom were killed
whilst others were captured by
Chinese troops ashore.

As to Mr. Conway's death, he
had been observed lying on the
top deck at the start of the piracy,
having, apparently, been shot be-
fore he had a chance to defend
himself. One of the Indian
guards, No. 795, was found shot
dead outside the entrance to
their quarters. In the crew's
cabin, lying wounded and groan-
ing, were three other Indian
guards, while a fourth was wound-
ed in the body. This man, No.
598, died later as the ship was re-
turning to Hongkong.

CHIEF ENGINEER'S STORY.
Thrilling Account of Heroic
Defence.

Interviewed on board the s.s.
San Nam Hoi by a Telegraph re-
porter this morning, Mr. M. F.
Houghton, the Chief Engineer,
had a thrilling story to tell—a
story somewhat reminiscent of
that told by the officers of the ill-
fated Sunning.

Mr. Houghton said he
than his fellows, who had crawled
up within very close distance to
the mess-room door was perceived
and this man was fired upon by
Mr. Houghton, with what effect it
is not known. At all events he
was deterred from carrying out
his enterprise from that moment.
Later Mr. Houghton handed his
revolver to Captain Sparkes and
under a covering fire succeeded in
not only closing all the bridge
grilles, but also the armour-
plated door on the Starboard side,
which is on the port side of the
ship near the bridge. The first
changed by the pirates and these

rushing towards the bridge, with
an automatic pistol in his hand.
Mr. Houghton walked towards the
companion which leads from the
lower to the upper deck and there
saw several Chinese with re-
volvers in their hands. There
was no sign of the Indian guards
at that time.

Grilles Closed.

Mr. Houghton's first action was
to close the grilles on the star-
board side and thus prevent ac-
cess to the bridge at that
spot. Three pirates
were on the starboard side
at this time, with two others fur-
ther aft. The latter opened fire
on Mr. Houghton, shooting at him
nine or ten times. Fortunately,
none of these shots found their
mark, the firing being somewhat
erratic. At the first shot, Mr.
Houghton dodged under the shel-
ter of the steel-plated door, and
then went into his cabin for his
revolver.

Returning to the plated door,
he returned the pirate fire through
the loopholes, firing about a dozen
times. Mr. Houghton is unable to
say whether any of these shots
were effective or not. One pirate
crawled up to within a short
distance of the messroom door and
was fired at by Mr. Houghton.
This man had apparently got
through the entrance of the plated
door on the starboard side, which
had not been closed.

Another man was close by, but
he did not attempt to fire. Mr.
Houghton returned to his cabin
for further supplies of ammuni-
tion. At this time, Capt. Sparkes,
who was on the bridge, was also
using his automatic, gallantly de-
fending the bridge. He was re-
sponsible for two of the pirates,
who had advanced further than
the rest of their fellows retreating
towards the stern of the ship.

About this time, Capt. Sparkes
asked the Chief Engineer for his
revolver, as all the ammunition in
his own automatic was spent. Mr.
Houghton then closed the port
side and the midship grilles, ren-
dering access to the bridge im-
possible. The engines were still
turning, the Chinese third en-
gineer being in charge. It is pre-
sumed that the helmsmen had
meanwhile gone over the bridge
on to the lower deck.

Chief Officer Shot.

Going round the other side, Mr.
Houghton saw Mr. Conway, the
Chief Officer, lying prone on the
deck. It is presumed that he came
out of his cabin with his revolver
and was immediately shot down
by the pirates. He was on the
starboard side of the ship and was
obviously dead. Acting under the
instructions of the Captain, Mr.
Houghton closed the armour-
plated doors on the starboard side,
being covered by Capt. Sparkes
while he did so. The pirates were
thus completely cut off from the
bridge, and all that remained for
them to do was to maintain a
desultory fire against the two de-
fenders.

Pirates Leave.
The pirates then realised that
their attack on the boat had been
entirely fruitless, and apparently
having no desire to risk capture,
they jumped overboard.

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OLD BAILEY SPY TRIAL.

EVIDENCE BEHIND CLOSED
DOORS FOR HOURS.

VITAL DOCUMENTS.

London, Jan. 17.

The trial of Thomas McCartney,
and the German student, George
Hansen, on serious charges of
espionage was continued at the
Old Bailey, the Central Criminal
Court, to-day.

Extraordinary precautions to
obtain absolute secrecy were
taken, and, for nearly two hours,
evidence was heard in camera.

This procedure, which is very
rare in British criminal trials, is
sanctioned by the Judge only for
reasons of State.

The decision to close the Court
to the public was reached after
evidence had been given by Major-
General Bonham Carter, the
Director of Staff Duties at the
War Office, who emphasised the
necessity of not publishing the
statements of the four important
witnesses or of the documents
which were exhibited to the Judge,
jury, and counsel.

Translated From Russian.

One of the documents was a
questionnaire dealing with the
plans of the Royal Air Force,
which had been translated from
the Russian. Sir Douglas Hoar,
K.C., the Attorney-General, who
is prosecuting on behalf of the
Crown, said yesterday that this
document was one which could
only have been composed by a
group of persons familiar with
their subject, such as the War
Staff of a foreign Power.

Another document submitted in
camera was a report on the British
Tank Corps' manoeuvres which
was alleged to have been
written by McCartney.—*British
Wireless.*

BRITAIN'S SOCIAL SERVICES.

EFFECT OF NEW OLD AGE
PENSION SCHEME.

London, Jan. 17.

The new section of the Contribu-
tory Pensions Scheme, whereby
persons become eligible for the Old
Age Pension of ten shillings a week
at the age of 65, instead of 70, as
hitherto, has now been in opera-
tion for a fortnight. The estimate
of the Government Actuary, when
legislation providing for the new
pensions was being passed, was
that 465,000 persons of both sexes
would immediately be entitled to
them.

This figure will prove to be very
accurate, for 460,000 claims have
already been admitted and there re-
main 10,000 claims which present
some difficulty and have still to be
decided.—*British Wireless.*

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BRITAIN.

CONSIDERABLE IMPROVE-
MENT LAST WEEK.

London, Jan. 17.

Unemployment continues to
show violent fluctuations. The
latest weekly return shows that
the unemployed on January 9th
totalled 1,232,100. This was
104,203 fewer than the week
before, when there was an increase
of 232,000 as the result of the dis-
charge of workers who had been
employed in the Christmas trade.
As compared with the same time
last year, the latest return shows
a decrease of 199,913.—*British
Wireless.*

AMERICAN SOCIETY WEDDING.

JOURNALIST TO MARRY MISS
MARGARET KAHN.

New York, Jan. 17.

The engagement is announced of
Miss Margaret Kahn, the daughter
of the famous financier, Otto Kahn,
to John Barry Ryan, a twenty-
seven-year-old newspaper reporter,
who is the grandson of the financier,
Thomas Fortune Ryan.—*Reuter's
American Service.*

COTTON WORKERS STAND FIRM.

REJECT EMPLOYERS'
PROPOSALS.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

London, Jan. 17.

A great concerted effort to
remedy the grave depression in the
Lancashire cotton industry began
at Manchester to-day when forty
representatives of the employers
and one hundred representatives
of the half million workers went
into joint conference to consider the
employers' proposals.

The workers were present as the
result of an invitation from the em-
ployers, and the proceedings were
private. The proposals to reduce
the costs of production, as framed
by the Employers' Associations, in-
clude a 12½ per cent. reduction in
wages and an increase in working
hours from forty-eight to 52½
weekly, the reorganisation of the
finances of the companies, which
are over-capitalised as the result of
the post-war boom, and the reduc-
tion of taxation and finishing
charges.

Press Supports Workers.

The workers have already indi-
cated quite clearly that they are
strongly opposed to the proposals
relating to hours, and wages, and
their attitude has received weighty
support of the Press, which has ex-
pressed the opinion that a thorough
reconstruction of the industry, the
elimination of the weaker mills and
the exaction of the deadweight debt,
are far more essential.

After the Conference, Mr. Bell,
the secretary of the United Textile
Factory Workers' Association, stated
that they had given the em-
ployers to understand that, in no
circumstances whatever, could
they agree to consider the recom-
mendation of increased hours and
decreased wages.

Statutory Committee Requested.

The workers' representatives
had frankly stated that they were
prepared to co-operate with any
effort to improve the trade. They
had asked the employers to con-
sider seriously the elimination of
the proposals in regard to hours
and wages, and to substitute a
joint request to the Government to
establish a Statutory Committee
with full powers to enquire into
all factors of cost and production.
The conference was finally
adjourned until the 3rd of
February.—*Reuter.*

"Last Desperate Throw."

London, Jan. 17.

The Cotton Spinners' and Manu-
facturers' reports are strongly
condemned by *The Times*, which in a
leader expresses the opinion that
the proposed extension of hours is
"like the last desperate throw by
a frenzied gambler."

It says that what is needed is
the cheapening of the present
volume of output by the concen-
tration of production on the more
efficient mills, by the drastic re-
duction of the number of independ-
ent firms and the cutting away of
the deadweight of debt.

It urges closer co-operation be-
tween various sections of the in-
dustry.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN OIL WAR.

CATEGORICAL STATEMENT BY
ROYAL DUTCH.

New York, Jan. 17.

The oil controversy between the
Standard Oil Company and the
Royal Dutch Shell group, follow-
ing Sir Henri Deterding's
criticisms of the Sacony policy in
purchasing oil from Russia as
"against the interests of humanity
and trade honesty," has been car-
ried a stage further by the cate-
gorical statement issued by the
American spokesmen of the Royal
Dutch Company, declaring that the
Royal Dutch intends to fight the
Standard Oil in any country to
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THE ANNUAL PRIZE-GIVING.

The annual prize-giving ceremony in connexion with St. Stephen's Girls' College, was held in the Kwok Siu Lau Hall of the College, yesterday afternoon under the chairmanship of the Right Rev. Dr. Duppuy, Bishop of Victoria, who is Chairman of the College Council. There was a large attendance of parents and friends, including the following: Mrs. C. C. Luard, wife of the G.O.C. Sir Robert Ho Tung; Mr. Kwok Siu-lau; Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education); Rev. H. V. Halward; Rev. G. T. Waldegrave; Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cheung, and many others.

The proceedings opened with the singing of the School Hymn, after which a programme of recitations from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar, songs and a scene from the "Water Babies" were given by pupils of the school. Amongst the older girls taking part were Tee Lai-ki, Diana Ho, Kwok Pui-chee, Wu Lai-king, Mary Braga, Janie Weller, Caroline Braga, and Eva Thomas. All the items were excellently rendered, and great credit is due to both the teachers and pupils for their efforts in providing this entertainment for the visitors.

Annual Report.

In her annual report the Headmistress (Miss E. S. Atkins) said: Mrs. Luard, my Lord Bishop, Members of the Council, Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I welcome you here this afternoon, and especially are we glad to welcome back our Chairman the Bishop and hope he has benefited by his furlough.

We deeply regret Lady Clementi, who had promised to present the cups and certificates, is too ill to come to-day, and trust she will soon be completely restored to health. Meanwhile, we are very grateful to Mrs. Luard who has graciously come to take her place, and in the name of the school I am glad to welcome her.

University Examinations.

The results of the University Examinations show that the standard of work has been well maintained. Both the Matriculation candidates entered for the examination passed, while eight out of the twelve Senior candidates passed, one with distinction in needlework.

Of the seventeen candidates entered for the Junior, twelve passed, one with distinctions in History, Scripture and Music, two others with distinctions in Music and three with distinctions in Needlework. Classes in Chinese from the Kindergarten to Matriculation standard are held in the afternoon under the supervision of Mr. Lo Kwan Sheng, assisted by a large Chinese staff, all but one of the University examination candidates having been examined in this subject.

We were visited by the Inspector of English Schools in October and were helped and stimulated by his kindly criticism. The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Minett, gave us a satisfactory report.

There has been increased keenness shown by the girls for physical culture and games, and drilling has been introduced into the Upper School. The new tennis court has been built, towards the making of which Mr. Woo Hay Tong most generously made us a gift of \$500. The court has already been much used.

Extension Wing.

Plans are going forward for the building of part of the Extension Wing, as we urgently need more class room accommodation in the vernacular side of the school and a Science room in St. Stephen's. The demand for the teaching of science is growing and as more of our girls pass on to the University we want to prepare them more adequately for the higher work which they must undertake there. The equipment of a science room is an expensive matter, but I can confidently appeal to the generosity of parents and friends to help us in this matter.

We are planning at present to build two storeys only, as funds will not permit of more, but as fresh needs arise, so we know that we may count in the future as in the past on the generous support of our many kind friends to supply those needs.

The missionary spirit in which various forms of social service have been undertaken by our girls has steadily increased. Following up their work in the summer vacation schools, the girls who had volunteered to teach decided last Chinese New Year to establish a free school for these poor children, and ever since they have voluntarily given up two twice a week on their half-holidays to teaching these children.

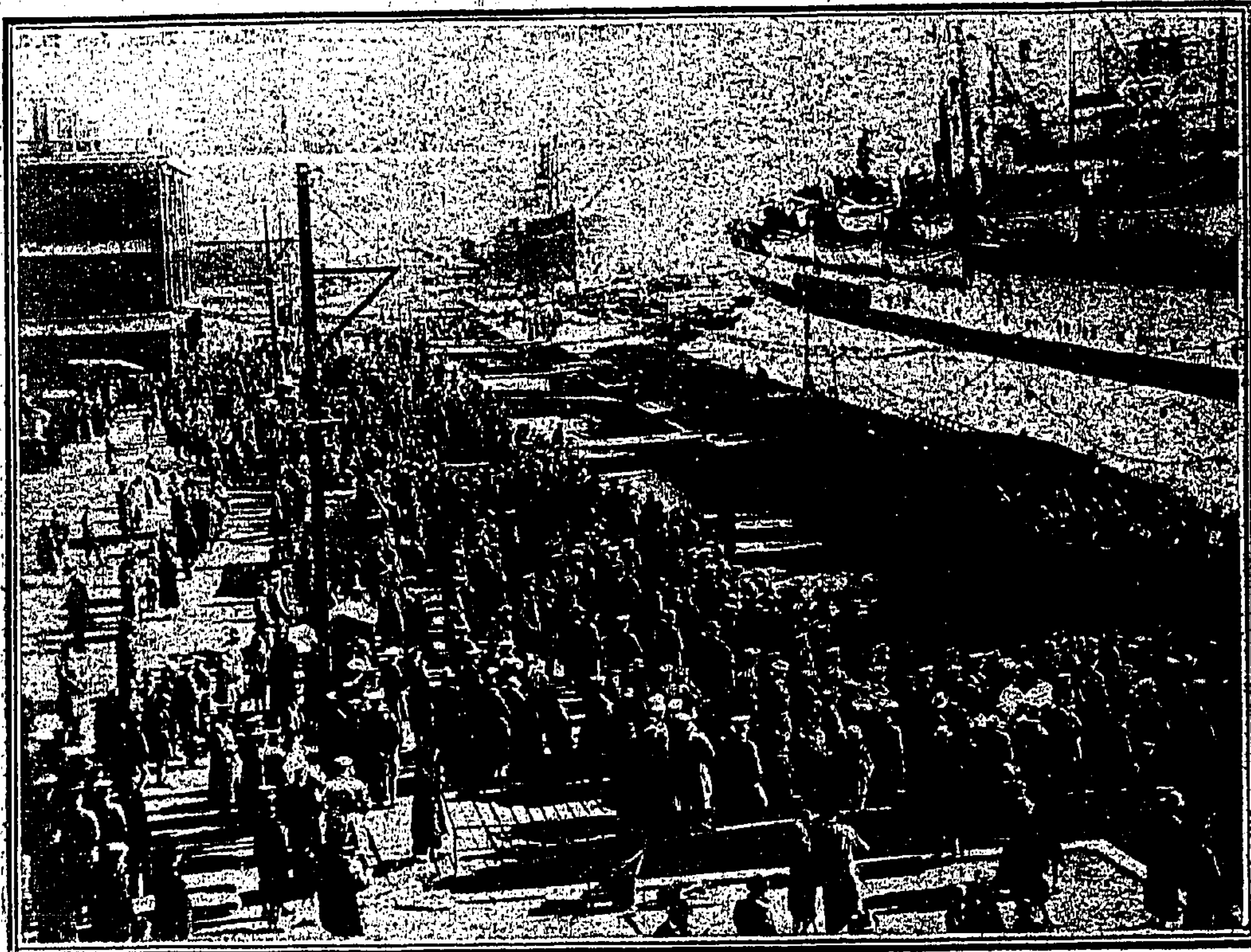
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A group at the Shanghai Ladies Paper Club Hunt, showing Mrs. J. H. Liddell holding the winner's cup.



The coffin of Drummer Clare covered with the Union Jack, carried on the shoulders of N.C.O.'s of the Suffolk Regiment, entering Hungjiao Road Cemetery, Shanghai.



The pageant of farewell at the Old Ningpo Wharf when the Troopship Dorsetshire left with the Green Howards aboard.



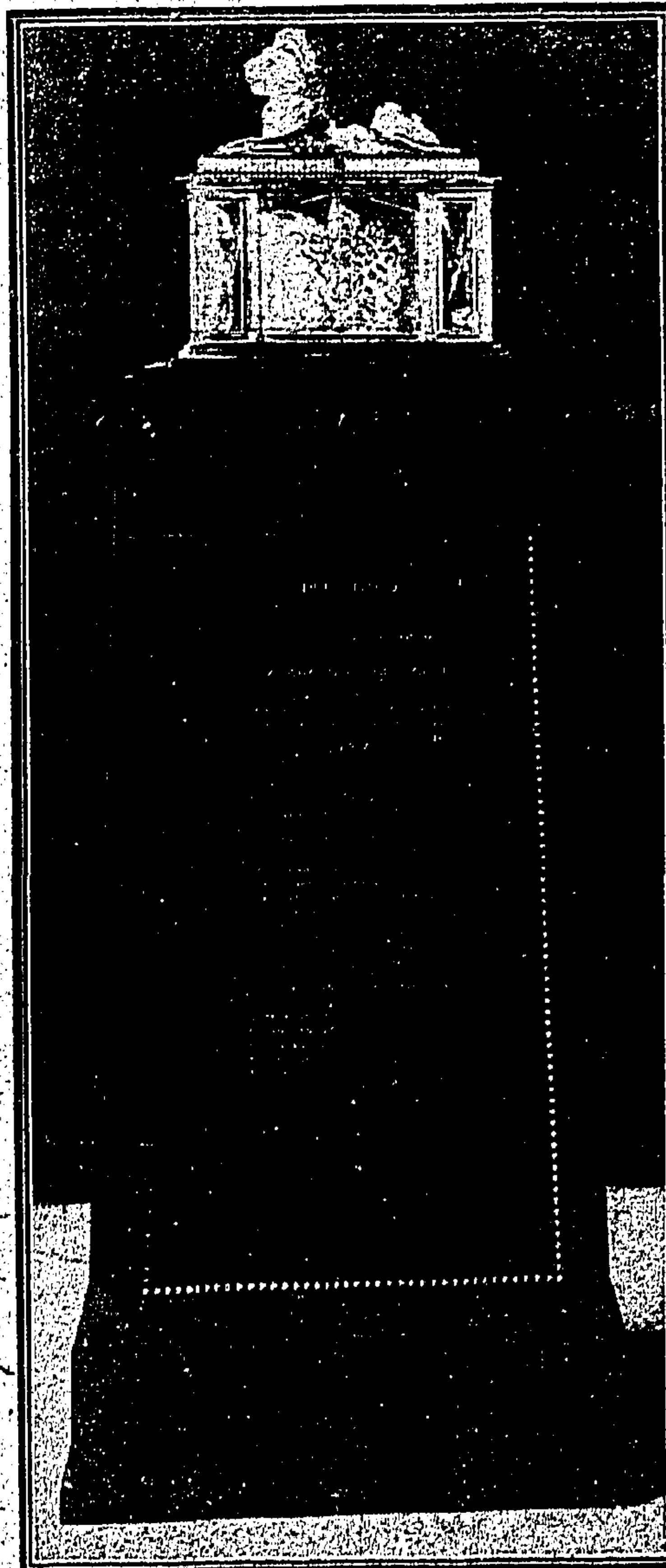
Switzerland's legendary freedom from the tribulations of maintaining a navy isn't the only Swiss political boast. The matter of electing a new President, now nettling the U. S. also is a simple matter. Edmund Schulthess shown above became the Swiss chief executive on December 14th, succeeding Giuseppe Motta, and this without a whisper of a struggle.



Bridal group taken after the wedding last Monday at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Mr. David Halley and Miss Margaret Maureen Sparks.



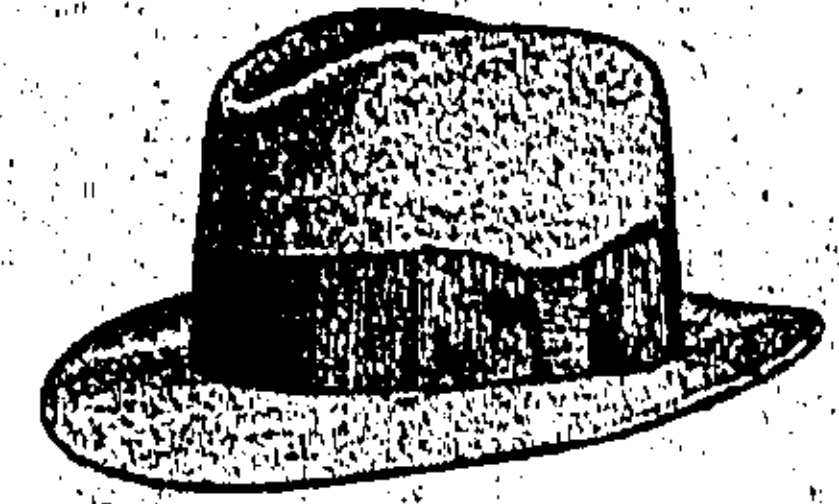
The hockey team from the 2nd Battalion the Welch Regiment, who have won the Shanghai Defence Force Inter-Unit Hockey Cup.



The beautiful silver casket and stand presented by the "Other Ranks" of the Shanghai Defence Force to the workers in the British Forces' Recreation Centres, "as a token of their gratitude."

SPECIAL OFFER

January 16th to 21st



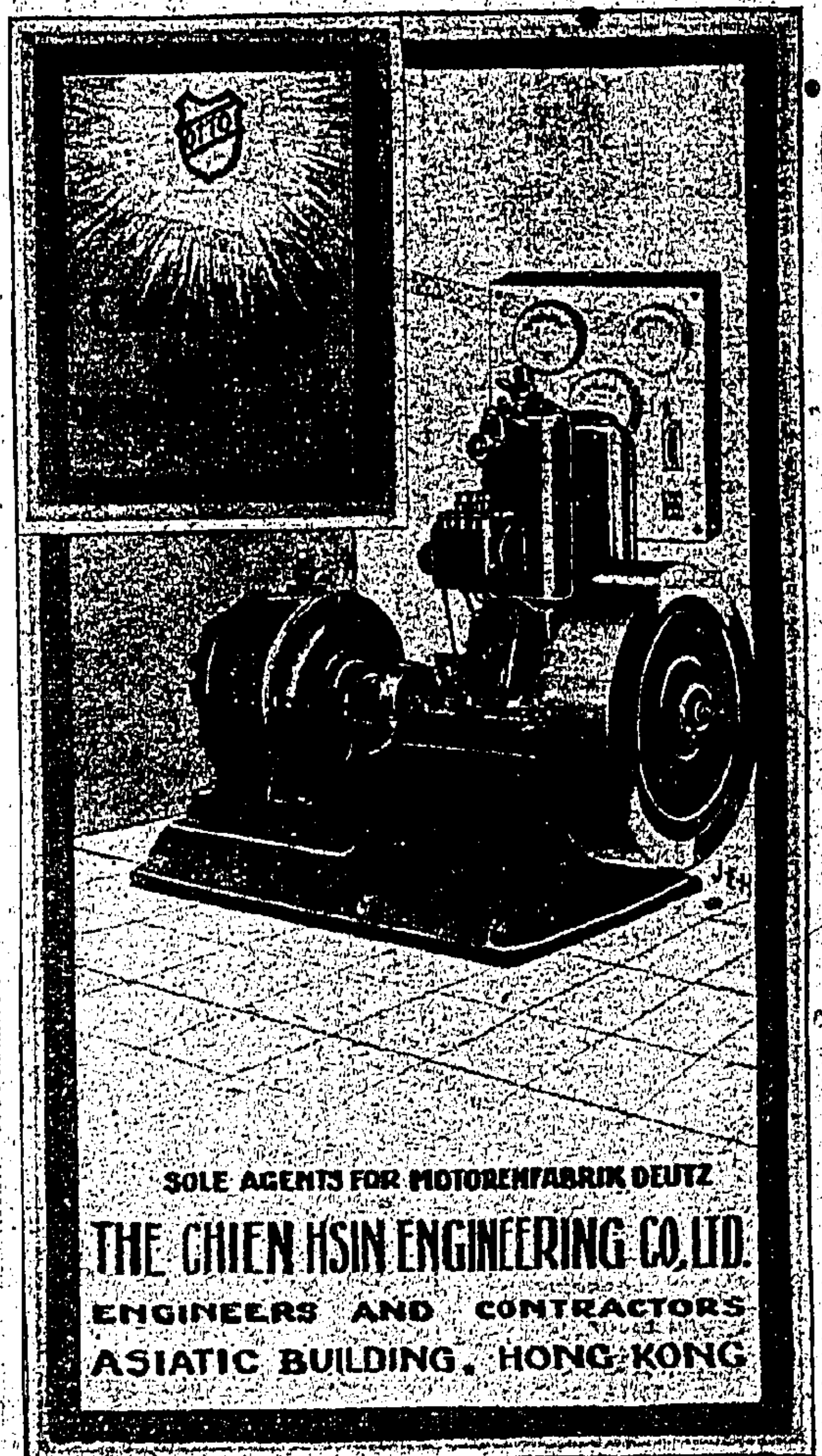
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of Sale by Public Auction to be held on Thursday, the 26th day of January, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at New Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

Owing to Monday next being a public holiday, the Extraordinary General Meeting arranged for that day is postponed to WEDNESDAY, January 25th, at 5.30 p.m. at the Cathedral Hall.

H. J. BEST,
Hon. Secretary.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will take place at the Cathedral Hall on Monday, January 23rd, at 5.30 p.m.

H. J. BEST,
Hon. Secretary.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, 9th February, 1928, at 12.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 26th January, to Thursday, 9th February, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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L. S. GREENHILL,
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Coming Shortly

COMMUNIST REIGN AT LUKFUNG.

(Continued from Page 1.)

others, so that in some parts Swatow looks as if it had suffered a bombardment.

Foreign Property Affected.

Another problem is the fact that new plans include the making of roads through foreign-owned property, and extension plans which involve the demolition of considerable sections of foreign buildings. There are no funds for the adequate compensation of those whose buildings it is proposed to pull down, and whose land is required. The consequence is that the widening of the carriage road, which is the oldest of the proper roads of the place, has involved a great amount of negotiation, and there remains still a great deal to do.

The Municipality has just announced, that at the end of the present month it intends to proceed with widening a section of this road stretching from the Police Station to the Post Office. Foreign premises involved include the Bank of Taiwan and the back quarters of a row of Customs Houses. It is announced that an agreement has been reached with the Japanese Consul with regard to the compensation of his nationals, and that the work can go on.

A Fine City.

Chaochowfu presents a big contrast to Swatow. It is a finely built Chinese city, with some 200,000 inhabitants, and new roads have there followed the lines of the thoroughfare of the old city. The streets are straight, except for such turns as were necessary to ward off the course of inimical spirits, and the widening has proceeded on uniform plans, the sidewalks being built with pillared arcades; this both gives the shops, whose second storey can thus extend over the walks, more room, and provides some shade in the hot weather.

The road surface is wearing better in Chaochowfu, too, so that the city presents a finished appearance. It is satisfactory that the alterations have taken surprisingly little away from its essentially Chinese appearance, and this is further secured by the retention of most of the magnificent arches in the main street. The widening of the street has thrown these into more prominent relief, and the street presents a handsome appearance. The fine old wall of the city has been demolished between the north, west and south gates, but on the east, where it forms a barrier against the Han River, it is retained.

Eventually doubtless Swatow will begin to present some appearance of order, but meanwhile the quiet old-world city has the advantage.—Our Own Correspondent.

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 18th to 22nd January, 1928.

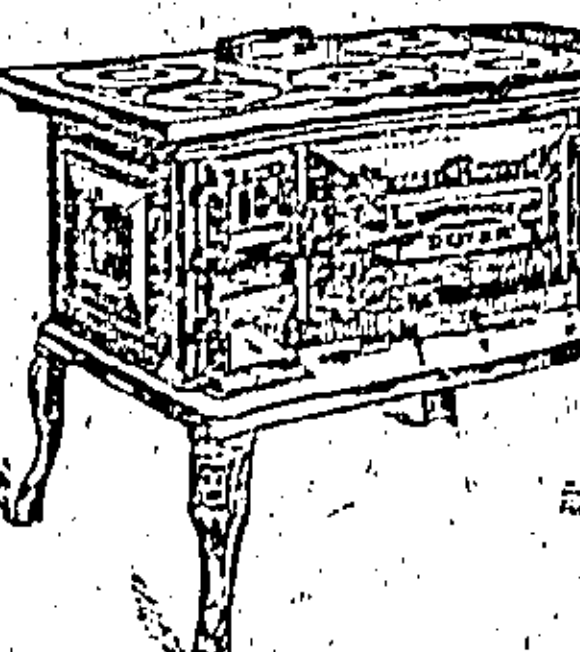
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The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

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Hongkong Bank, \$1180 b.
Chartered Bank, \$214 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$321 n.
P. and O. \$110 n.
East Asia, \$72 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$590 b.
Union Ins., \$300 b.
North China, Ins., \$143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$240 s.
China Firs, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$680 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$401 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$361 s.
H. K. Tugs, \$230 b.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$30 n.
Sholl Trans., \$81/2 n.
Union Waterboats, \$17.75 s.

Mining.
Bonquots, \$21 n.
Kailans, \$2/6 n.
Laukats, \$181/2 b.
Shai Exploration, \$1.25 s.
Raubs, \$4 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1291 sa.
Whampoa Docks, \$39 b.
China Providents, \$430 b.
Hongkongs, \$163 b.
New Engineering, \$15 s.
Shanghai Docks, \$181 n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, \$1.71 s.
Oriental, \$1.85 b.
Shai Cottons, \$1.461 (old) b.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$8.25 s.
H. K. Lands, \$641 s.
Shai Lands, \$127 b.
Humphreys, \$141 b.
Teatritals, \$73.30 n.
Teatritals, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$24.10 sa.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 s.
Star Ferries, \$63 b.
China Lights, (Comb.) \$14.30 b.
H'kong Electric, \$64 b.
Macao Electric, \$64 b.
Telephones \$4 b.
China Buses, \$161 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.
China Sugars, \$91 s.
Malabons, \$271 n.
Canton Ice, \$21 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$81 b.
Ropes (Old) \$6 b.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

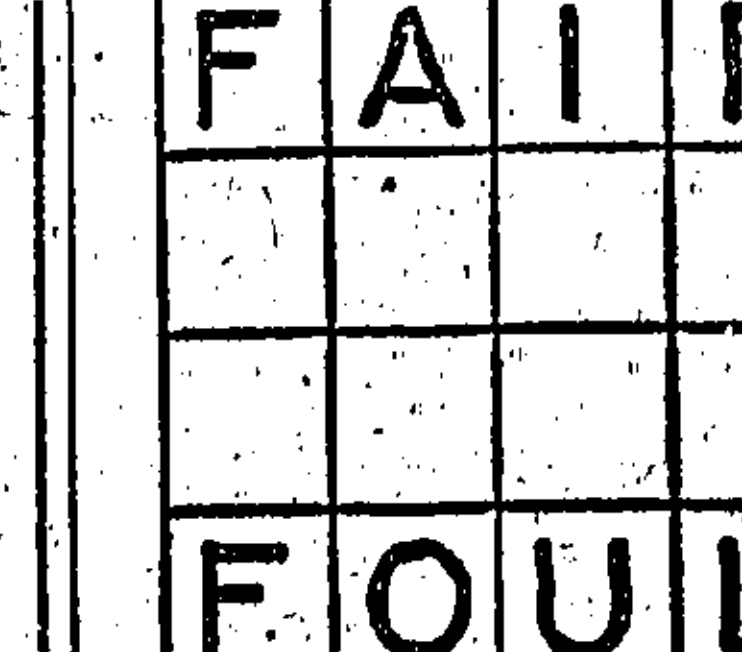
Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$17.85 b.
Watsons, \$11.10 b.
Dur A. Wing, \$6 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.75 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceros, \$74 b.
Wm Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$24 b.
Constructions, \$12 s.
Bquo Ind. G. Bonds, 56% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5% Pror.

Viscount Maidstone, Viscount Elveden, Viscount Milton, and Earl Percy were among 200 boys confirmed recently by the Bishop of Oxford in Eton College chapel.

LETTER GOLF.

Sometimes a fighter goes out to win by FAIR means or FOUL. The distance is short between them, only three strokes being required for the change.



1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW TO HEW, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEW.
2—You can change only one letter at a time.
3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
4—The order of letters can not be changed.
One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Australia and Manila	For Miahima Maru	January 19.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	January 19.
Japan and Shanghai	Devanha	January 20.
Straits	Takada	January 20.
Saloon	D'Artagnan	January 20.
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers parcels 15th December, 1927 and London 22nd December, 1927)	Khyber	January 21.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	January 23.
Straits	Atsuta Maru	January 23.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Cleveland	January 23.
Shanghai	Antenor	January 24.
U.S.A., Honolulu Japan and Shanghai	Tenyo Maru	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Haruna Maru	January 27.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Amoy	Shantung	Wed., Jan. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongning	Wed., Jan. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Jan. 19, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hai Ning	Thurs., Jan. 19, 8 p.m.
Manila and Parcels for Germany via Hamburg	Vogland	Thurs., Jan. 19, 3.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Newchwang	Fri., Jan. 20, 3.30 a.m.
Japan	Mishima Maru	Fri., Jan. 20, 9.30 a.m.
Saipan	Haida	Fri., Jan. 20, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	D'Artagnan	Fri., Jan. 20, 12.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Fri., Jan. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Taiming	Fri., Jan. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Suiyang	Fri., Jan. 20, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Devanha	Sat., Jan. 21, K.P.O.

Parcels 20th 4.30 p.m.
Registration 21st 9 a.m.
Letters 21st 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Parcels 20th 5 p.m.
Registration 21st 9.45 a.m.
Letters 21st 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 18th February).
Newchwang Sat., Jan. 21, 10 a.m.

Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Sat., Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Siberia Sat., Jan. 21, 5 p.m.
Amoy Sat., Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Manila Sun., Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Shanghai Sun., Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Sun., Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Shanghai Sun., Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Swatow Sun., Jan. 22, 9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles

*Japan, *Canada, *U.S.A., *C. and *S. America and *Europe via Victoria B.C. Pres. Lincoln Tues., Jan. 24.
Parcels 11.15 a.m.
Registration 11.15 a.m.
Letters Noon
(Due Victoria B.C. 13th February).

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C., and Europe via Siberia Emp. of Asia Wed., Jan. 25.
Parcels 9.15 a.m.
Registration 10 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 12th February).

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Antenor Wed., Jan. 25, K.P.O.
Registration 9 a.m.
Letters 10 a.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 22nd February).

Sandakan Hunsank Wed., Jan. 25, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow Haining Thurs., Jan. 26, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Haruna Maru Sat., Jan. 28, K.P.O.

Registration 27th 4.30 p.m.
Letters 28th 9 a.m.
G.P.O.
Registration 28th 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 26th February).

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America and *Europe via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia Tenyo Maru Sat., Jan. 28.
Registration 4.15 p.m.
Letters 5 p.m.
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BIG MANILA PROPERTY DEAL.

BOND ISSUE TO FINANCE COLLEGE.

One of the largest transactions in Manila real estate of recent times was recorded last week, when a mortgage deed of trust securing a Pesos 450,000 bond issue was filed with the Register of Deeds. The document was executed by the Benedictine Fathers, in favour of Philippine Trust Company, as trustee.

The bonds issued under the trust deed aggregate Pesos 450,000, are dated January 1, 1928, and bear interest at 8% per annum. They are to mature serially, in two to fifteen years, and are coupon bonds in denominations of Pesos 500 each. The bonds are secured by the land and buildings of San Beda College, on Calle Mendocino.

Inquiry at the office of the Philippine Trust Company, which company is handling the sale of the bonds, disclosed the fact that over Pesos 350,000 of the bonds were subscribed by the bank's clients last month, and present indications are that the entire issue will be over-subscribed within a few weeks.

In explaining the rapid sale of the bonds an official of the Trust Company pointed out that the bonds are among the most attractive investment securities ever placed on the market. "The 8% interest rate," he stated, "appeals strongly to conservative investors, while the property securing the issue is appraised at Pesos 1,102,000, or two and a half times the amount of the bonds. Moreover, the high standing of the Benedictine Fathers, and the amazing success of San Beda College, are a further guarantee of the soundness of the investment."

C. M. Hoskins & Co., Manila real estate firm, negotiated the underwriting of the issue. When interviewed concerning the transaction Mr. C. M. Hoskins stated that the loan was negotiated as a means of re-financing the new San Beda College buildings.

"San Beda College's new campus and structures represent an investment of over a million pesos," he stated. "The buildings were completed only a year ago, their construction having been financed on the basis of a building loan. Now that the plant has been completed, sound business dictates a long-term financing plan whereby a lower interest rate, with provision for gradual amortization of the obligation, could be arranged. This the present bond issue accomplishes, placing the college on a thoroughly sound business basis."

MYSTERY FILM.

"PLEASURE BUYERS" AT THE QUEEN'S.

Those who like mystery films have their taste catered for at the Queen's Theatre, where, at present, the Warner Brothers' production, "The Pleasure Buyers" is being screened.

The story concerns the murder of a man who laughed at superstition, and practically the whole film is devoted to the tracking down of the murderer. Quite a number of people are, for varying reasons, suspected of the crime, and the audience is left guessing until the very end, when there is a surprising denouement, which results in the apprehension of the murderer. The leading parts are played by Irene Rich and Clive Brook, both of whom are responsible for some good acting. Needless to say, there is a strong love interest to relieve the grimness of the story.

WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Gay Pottery.

FOR JADED APPETITES.

Gone are the old "sulphur and molasses" days of spring! Jaded taste is stimulated much more aesthetically nowadays. Instead of forcing folks to eat, housewives now beguile the appetite by learning how to "dress up the table," prepare attractive foods and serve them enticingly.

Pretty china is their chief "prop" in this new art. As pictures are often more lovely because of their setting, so meals served on colourful and interesting china just naturally please.

Pottery's Special Niche.

European peasant pottery has its special niche in this new

crude poppy in the centre of the design and petals, leaves and soft green stems surrounding it in conventional pattern. Blue flowers and sometimes old Castilian paintings, all crude and interesting, give suggestions for patterns too.

The brilliant yellow sunshine of old Spain gives its colour, intensified, to this pottery. Black lines and green set off the gayness. A Spanish cup and saucer will live up to a sick tray as few things can. Spanish candlesticks, vases and odd pitchers or other pieces are almost as decorative to a table as flowers themselves.

Italian pottery shows the imagination of the dreamy temperament of the native women and children. A variety of designs decorate it. Its shape, too, shows imagination. Squat round tea sets will have the top of their cups flare like boucans or grow octagonal. Handles are rarely just handles. They rise abruptly or curve out or take some

Unusual Sleeves.

IN JAZZ PATTERN EFFECTS.

Patchwork sleeves are a novelty. A bronze velvet dress was distinguished from other bronze velvet dresses simply by its sleeves.

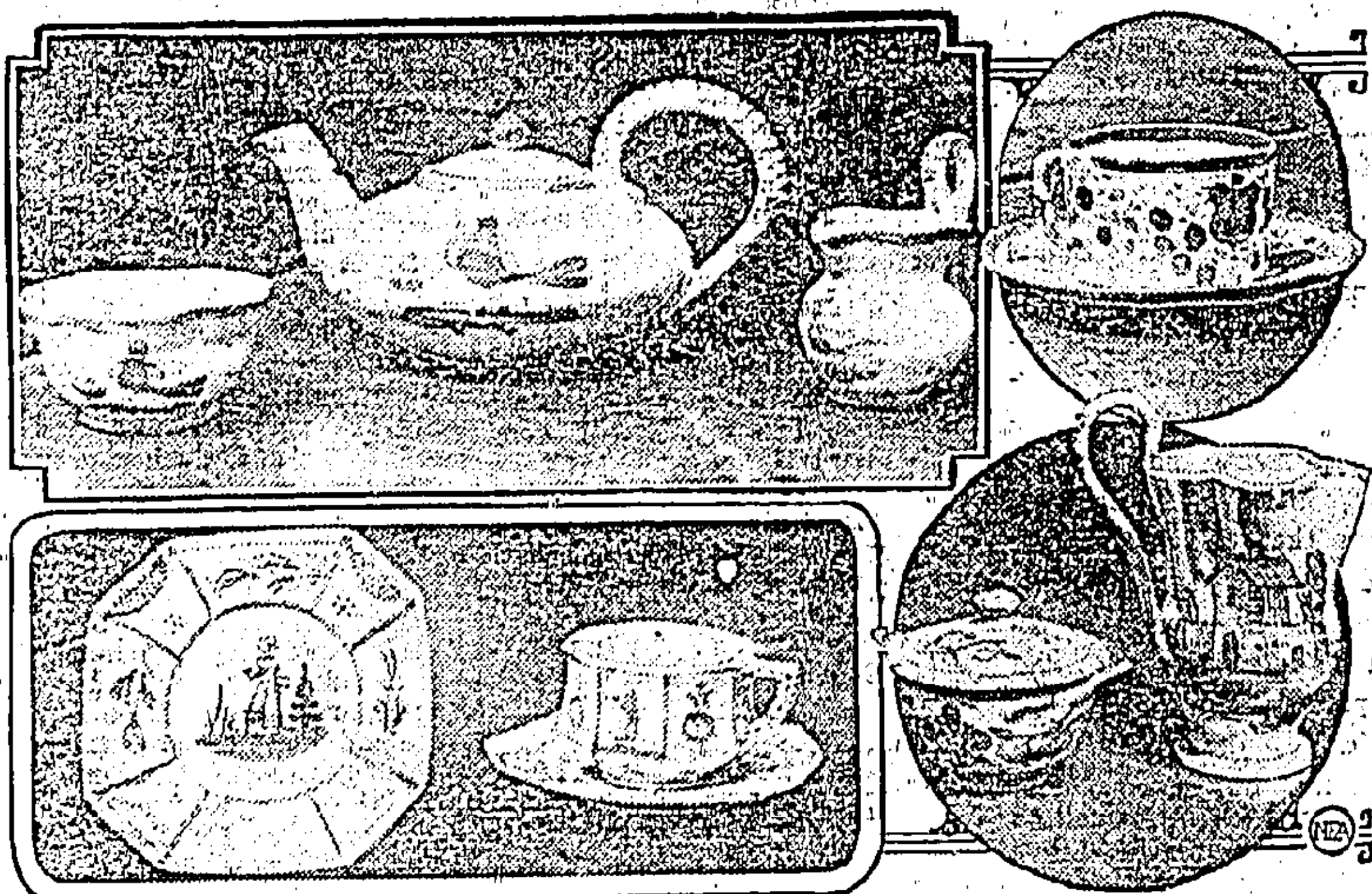
These were full bishops' sleeves of many colours, "odd" bits of stuff arranged patchwork fashion.

Jazz pattern effects appear on the sleeves of many new frocks of plain material, and small triangles and odd-shaped bits of stuff in many gay colourings are sewn together in a way which is reminiscent of the patchwork quilt.

It is an idea which is quite attractive and less bizarre than it sounds.

Sleeves are all-important features of the new frocks, and it is a noticeable fact that several old-fashioned styles are being revived with great success. Most new

Pretty Peasant Table Ware.



Upper left, Italian putty-coloured tea set of unique squattiness, with unusual handles and gay yellow birds; upper right, practical and decorative, a brilliant yellow Spanish cup; lower left, octagonal Quimper ware enlivened by quaint Breton figures, and lower right, an Italian milk pitcher, decorated with a medieval castle, and a blue porridge bowl, topped with a gay cover.

scheme of housewifely art. It is colourful, "different," and inexpensive.

Made and decorated by women and children of the country stretches of France, Spain and Italy, it brings with it some of the elusive charm of its native heath. As it is hand-made, each piece has the additional appeal of slight difference from the others.

Perhaps the most popular of foreign peasant pottery is the Quimper ware, fashioned in Brittany. Each has a tiny Breton man or woman's figure, on it, dressed in characteristic colourful costume of red, green, tan, yellow, purple and black.

Quimper Ware.

The basic colour of Quimper pottery is a rich, buttery cream, and the little figures always stand in a crude setting of black and red lines suggesting Breton woods.

Spanish pottery looks to its native land for colour and design too. The Spanish poppy is a universal motif, with perhaps a

unusual shape that makes them not only easy to hold but distinctive for their oddity.

Originally Rural.

A variety of designs decorate it. Most of this pottery was originally made far from the cities, perhaps along streams in mountain stretches, and a certain little yellow bird, reminiscent of our canary, and a haunter of mountain streams, is a popular design on much of it.

Then, too, looking up towards the hills, the women have glimpsed old medieval castles high in the mountains and have transported the image to decorate china. Some of the most interesting pieces have such castles, roughly sketched on a soft grey-blue or cream background.

Colours are not so gay, perhaps, on Italian pottery as on Spanish, but the combinations are really lovely. A putty coloured pottery may have a gay yellow bird and then both blue and green edging its cups, saucers and plates.

sleeves are considerably bigger than those which women have been wearing lately.

The lower halves of some sleeves show narrow beltlike straps made from the material, finished with little buckles, while smart frocks show a return of the small outstanding frill inset into the upper seam from the elbow down.

Coatless still hold their own amongst the newest of new models. A gay specimen of these odd coatless recently seen in town, was a well-cut lame jacket, "for smoking," very similar to a man's smoking jacket. Ring velvet is used for other luxurious affairs, and heavily embroidered taffetas is now considered "quite ordinary." If worn in the evening, the only time for them really, they must harmonise in colour, though they contrast in material, with the evening dress. The low décolletage which looks out of place in the theatre lobby, between the sets, is discreetly veiled when a luxurious coatless is worn.

WITH THE STARS AT HOLLYWOOD.

SHORTER COMEDIES TO BE THE VOGUE.

Hollywood, Calif., Dec. 16. For some years movie producers have attempted to educate their public. And now that they have just about succeeded, they are beginning to wish they hadn't tried so hard.

Comedy stars particularly are finding the going pretty rough. Any sort of a gag used to get a laugh—but in these days a situation must be really funny or the critical audiences will not even snicker.

Harold Lloyd is a good example of what has happened to our present day screen comedians. Lloyd used to make five and six comedies a year. Now he makes about three pictures in two years.

"I can't turn out good films any faster than that," declares the comedian. "With all the dramatic producers trying to get laughs into their pictures, our gags must be mighty funny to get by at all. And it is becoming harder and harder to get stories that will lend themselves to comedy adaptation."

Words Fall Flat.

"I have found that I can't buy published stories. Few of even the best authors have the slightest conception of comedy production. They deal with words. We must deal with pictures. Many gags sound very funny in words but on the screen they fall absolutely flat."

Lloyd, Charlie Chaplin and Harry Langdon work more or less along the same lines. They conceive their own stories, act in them, gag them, and supervise their direction and cutting. In fact, they are the picture.

"My comedies are only about two-thirds completed when they are pre-viewed for the first time," says Lloyd. "I work after the first pre-view, touching up the weak spots, cutting sequences that drag and changing titles. To do this I must show the picture before an audience at least four times."

Loses Sense of Values.

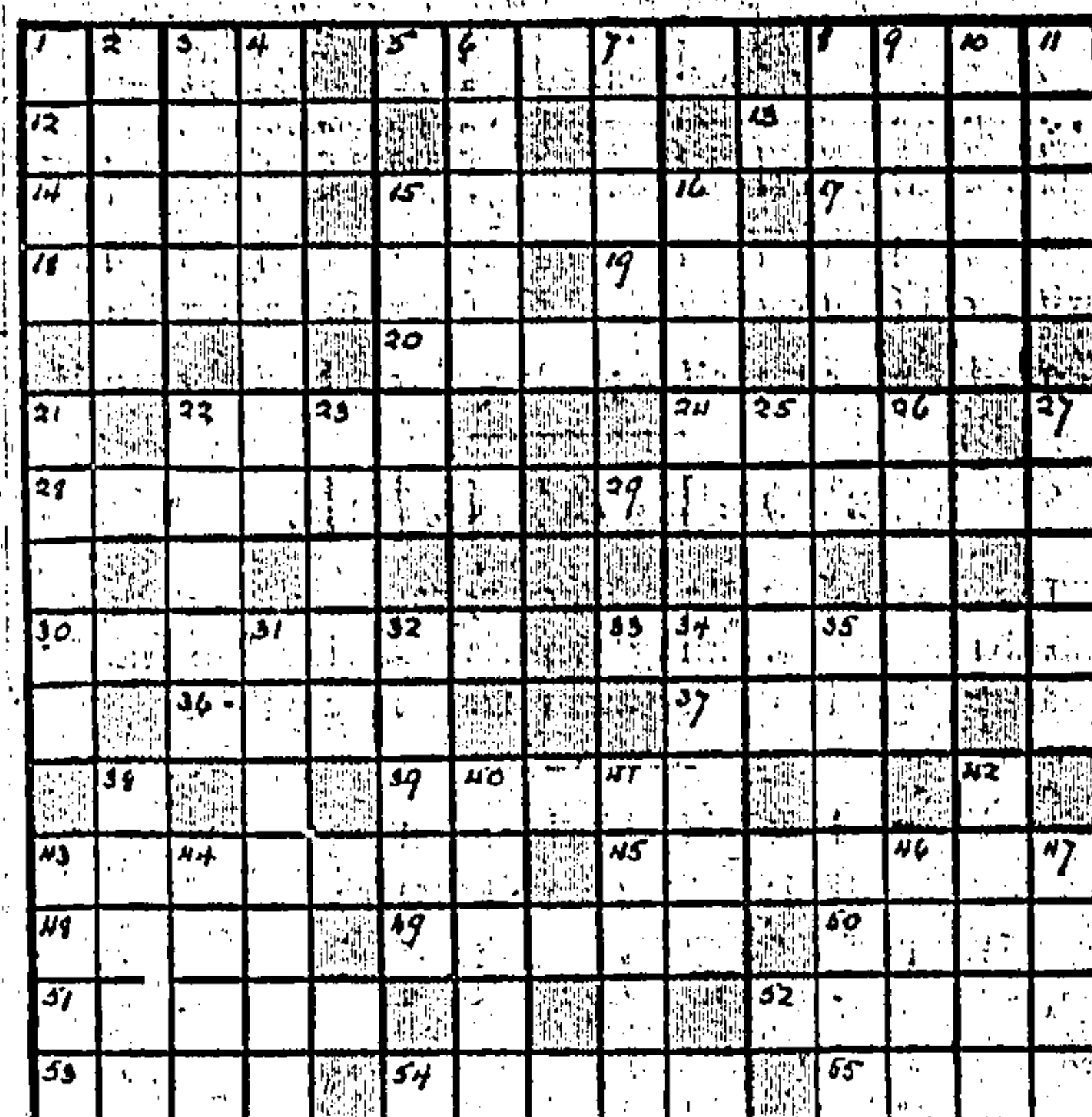
"The public must judge what stays in a film and what comes out. After I have worked on a picture for about six months and sometimes longer, I have become so close to it that I have lost its true value. I am not a fair judge of what is funny and what isn't go over at all. And neither is anyone else in the company. That's why we must have so many pre-views."

In his early days Lloyd always followed the policy of having his scripts complete before he started shooting. That is the thing that dramatic producers should do—and most of them don't. But it doesn't work out. He works "on the cuff," as they say in cinema-land, now. That is, most of his humorous situations are spontaneous.

The comedian has closely followed the policy of never producing a stage play because he feels that the greatest thing in comedy is anticipation and surprise. Both elements are lost in adaptations of something with which the public is familiar.

For the murder of a young woman named Devina Nellie Schmit at a picnic at Bridgewater, in the Adelaide Hills, on October 12th, William Ephraim Haines (25) has been executed at the Adelaide Gaol. Prior to his death the condemned man expressed penitence for his crime and gratitude for the consideration shown him by officials and others. He asked for a smoke as he was about to ascend the scaffold, and was handed with a cigarette in his lips.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across:
- Machine for raising water.
 - Sudden fall in prices.
 - Dutch flat-bottomed boat.
 - Imbecile.
 - First-rate.
 - Italian coin.
 - Confound, with terror.
 - Equal.
 - Nature and laws of poetry.
 - Come after.
 - One who falls with an axe.
 - Puzzle.
 - Little devils.
 - To polish.
 - Work as characterised by editorial labours.
 - Hermite.
 - Lands surrounded by water.
 - An army.
 - Females of birds.
 - Part of the leg.
 - Frame for supporting.
 - Meal made from oats.
 - To fade.
 - Defamatory writing.
 - Clerical vestment.
 - Beasts of burden.
 - To spot.
 - Prophet.
 - Fissure.
 - Finishes.

- Down:
- Feeler.
 - Concord.
 - Mud.
 - A certain body of soldiers.
 - Failing in duty.
 - Five-hundred.
 - Injunction.
 - To split.
 - Ruler.
 - Repair.
 - Pains.
 - Ghastly pale.
 - Reject with disdain.
 - To scorch.
 - Curved opening.
 - To rain in fine drops.
 - Tokens.
 - Plant which has aromatic smelling seeds.
 - Shell-fish.
 - Division of a stable.
 - Shepherd's hut.
 - To quicken.
 - To force up.
 - To whinney.
 - German geological term.
 - Raging.
 - Contraction of "It was."
 - In addition.
 - Ardour inspired by passion.
 - Glass of a telescope.

Yesterday's Solution.

NOTICE

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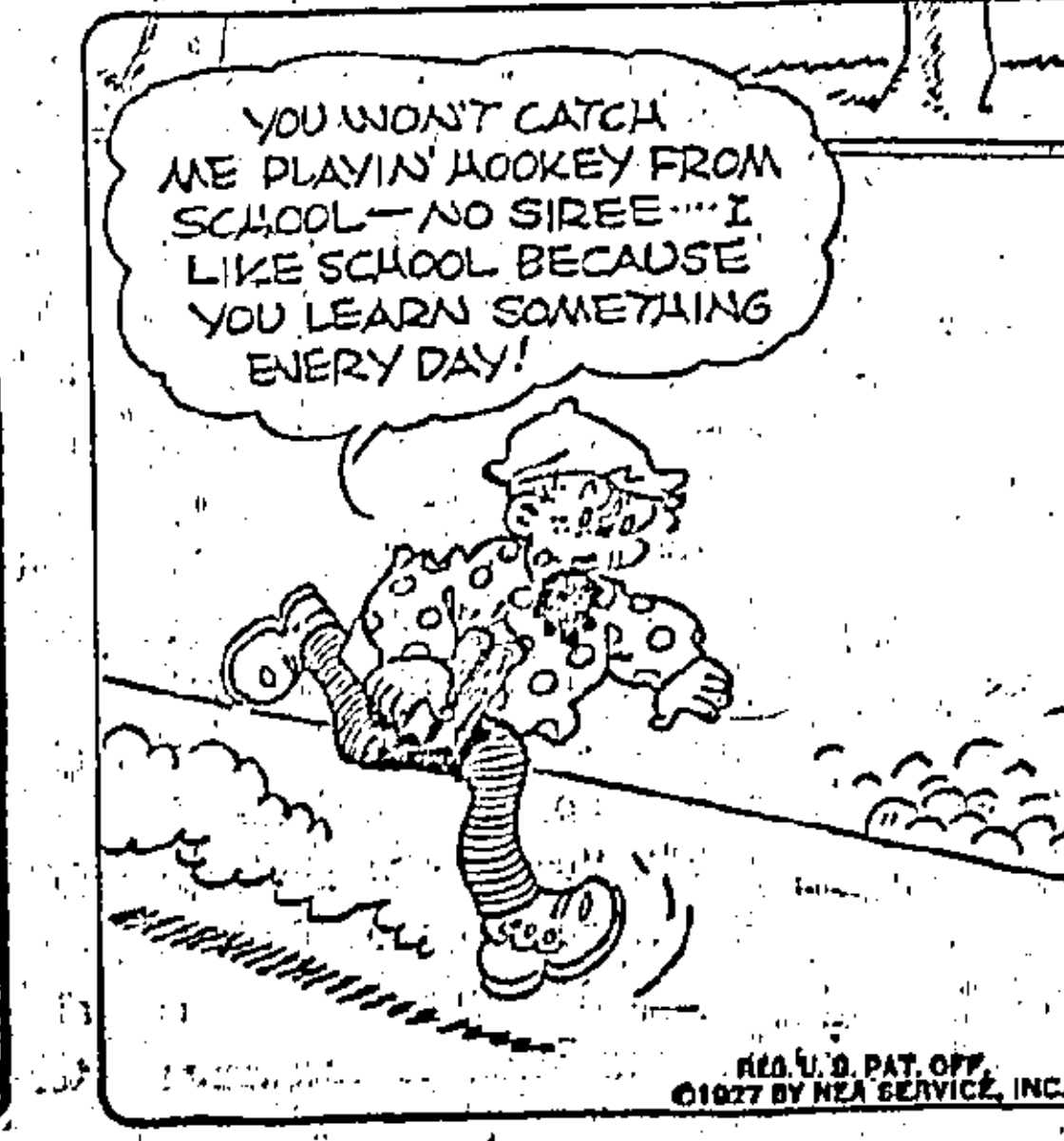
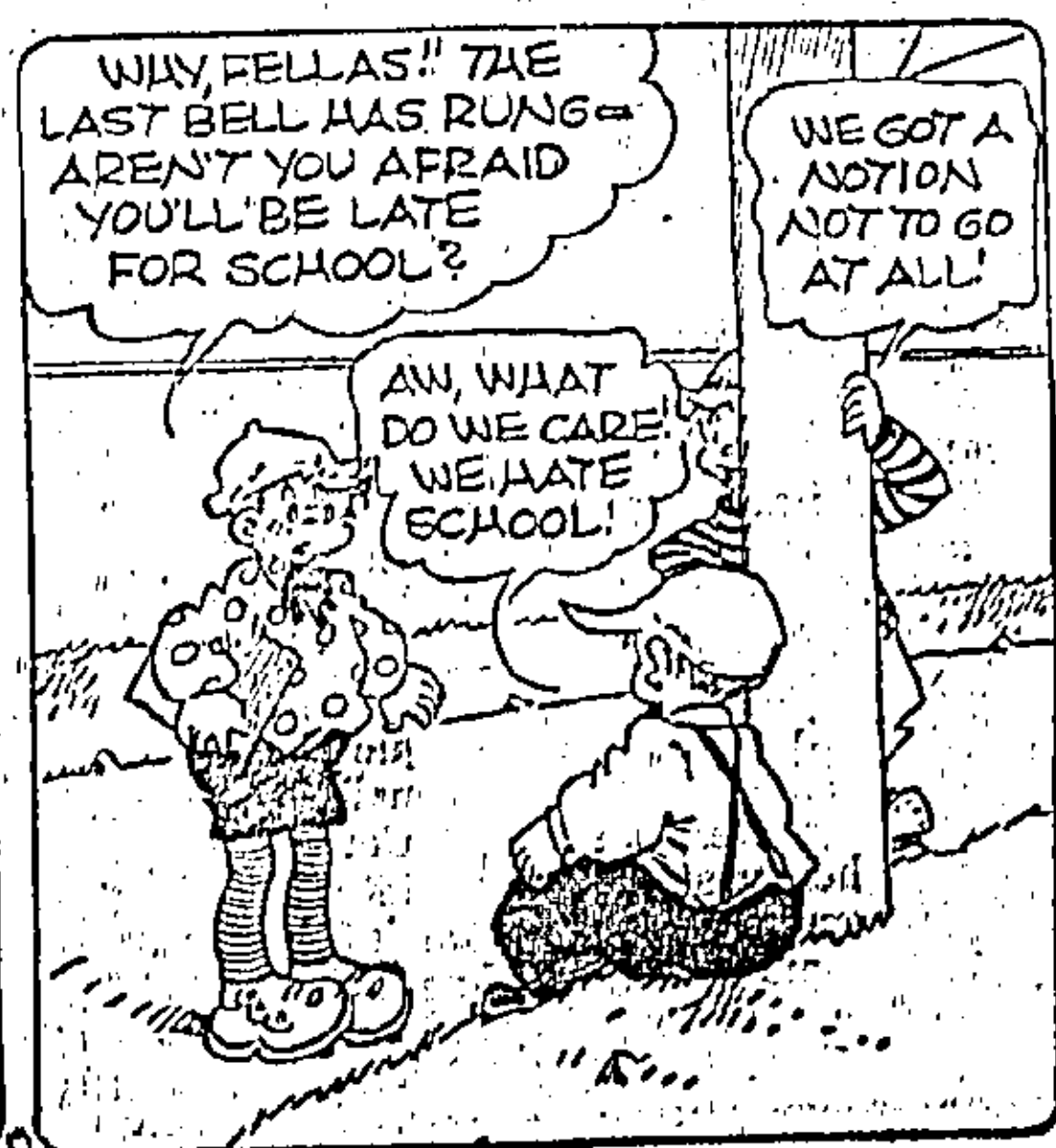
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1928

CABLES & WIRELESS.

The question of the future relations of the cable and beam wireless services of the Empire is at the moment under consideration by an Empire conference sitting in London, and we may expect developments of the highest importance to result from this gathering. Not only are the Dominions and India represented, but delegates are also present on behalf of the Crown Colonies, so that Hongkong, in common with other parts of the Empire, has a vital interest in the discussions. It is the wonderful success already achieved by the "beam" wireless service which has necessitated the facing of the problem, for, as one of yesterday's messages put it, the competition with cables, especially in the case of Canada and Australia, has become formidable. At the moment, the conference proceedings are being held in camera, as large questions of strategy are involved, the discussions on which it would be impolitic to make public. It is, however, to be hoped that the ban of secrecy surrounding the deliberations of the conference will soon be lifted, because on the general question the public has a right to be fully informed on what is transpiring.

About a week ago, it was announced that the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies and the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company were considering plans with a view to a possible arrangement in the joint interest of both concerns, but so far no news has come through regarding the progress of the conversations entered into. There is a rumour that the Marconi interest may be bought out, but there are doubts in some quarters whether such a development as that is probable. So far as the public is concerned, there is a natural anxiety that no arrangements should be come to, as between the wireless and cable services, which will mitigate against a cheapening of rates. On this point, Sir Charles Bright, who all his life has been associated with cable and wireless services, recently expressed himself strongly from the public standpoint. "Fair and square competition between cable and radio communication," he asserted, "will be of immense public advantage to the Empire as a whole. It will mean reduced rates and will serve to encourage inter-Imperial trade." He added that

the Empire as a whole, especially the business world, has long been crying for reduced rates, and these could be secured by more cables on alternative routes (with their additional strategic advantages) and by more radio stations in competition with the cable system, "which has already had a fair run of monopoly."

For many years past, shareholders in the cable companies have been anxiously concerned regarding the effect of wireless developments on their interests. Until quite recently, they have been told that there was nothing to fear, owing to the unreliability, slowness and lack of secrecy of radio as compared with cable telegraphy, but since the introduction of the "beam" system, radio has stood in a very different position. Owing to the improved efficiency and speed of this new system, radio is proving a very real competitor to cables and is handling an ever-increasing volume of traffic previously carried by cable. This is the reason why this matter has now become one which calls for early action, and, as we say, we trust this action will be along lines which will result in a reduction of existing rates.

Pan-Americanism.

The new elements of discord, the product of the intervention of the United States in Nicaraguan affairs, must be, we imagine, the principal factor which dictated Mr. Calvin Coolidge's decision personally to attend the Pan-American Conference. For many years it has been the policy of the United States to seek assiduously to encourage conditions of general stability and mutual confidence between her sister republics on the American continent, and to stress the necessity for the recognition of family ties, in the hope that this will ultimately lead to the establishment of commercial and cultural relations on an interdependent and amicable plane. Up to a point, Pan-Americanism has made forward progress, but Mexico and Nicaragua have been in turmoil so frequently that the movement has hesitated in its stride. It seems evident, therefore, that President Coolidge has gone to Havana with a desire to impress the twenty-one delegates of the other American republics, not as *L'Espresso* suggests, with his august presence, but with a more influential factor—the great importance attached by the United States Government, of which he is more than the figurehead, to the promotion of goodwill. President Coolidge's striking address at the opening meeting on Monday leaves no room for doubt that the United States is still strongly supporting its traditional Pan-American policy, and though some embarrassment may be caused if any attempt is made to thrash out in open conference the Nicaraguan question, so much to the forefront in recent weeks, the atmosphere is eased by the direction to several of the delegates to remain neutral, and complications should be easily averted. It was pointed out by the U. S. Chief Executive that though the tangible improvement of communication during the past decade has tended towards better inter-American understanding, a better exchange of news services will prove a valuable contribution to that desirable end. Even more significant results will follow the development of Pan-Americanism along political lines, for "if these conferences mean anything, they mean bringing all our peoples more definitely and more completely under the reign of a law laying on us all Continental responsibility." Mr. Coolidge in voicing such a sentiment is visualizing what may be regarded as a lofty ideal, confederation of the republics of America, common action concerning all questions affecting the American continent internationally, and the centralisation of all development schemes, cultural and commercial, in a composite body representing the entire continent. In this he desires that the United States should be regarded as the big brother of the family, and not as the choleric and aggressive uncle of the political cartoon. The United States, there can be no question, feels a deep sense of responsibility in this matter, and is anxious to throw her vast resources into the improvement of the status of her sister republics. In time this is bound to come, but there are knotty controversies to be settled before a Conference will be competent to consider the necessary formula.

DAY BY DAY.

IN CONJUNCTION WITH ANY OTHER BEINGS BUT MEN, WOMEN WOULD HAVE BEEN ANGELS.—*De Livry.*

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The Ben Line s.s. Benledi, from Home, Straits and Philippines ports, is due here on the 28th instant.

The Standard Oil Company has issued a striking Chinese calendar, of which a number of copies have been kindly forwarded us.

Starting from next Friday an additional launch will be added to the service of the Hongkong-Yaumati Ferry, making a total of five vessels on the run. The service at night will be continued up to 3 a.m.

A Muscleville will be held at the Helena May on Thursday 26th January at 5.30 p.m. The Programme will be of French Modern Music. Tickets to be booked at the Secretary's office—teas may be had from 4 p.m. onwards.—*Adv.*

A cook employed by Mr. G. H. Wilson, of No. 203, Pokfulam Road, was convicted in Mr. R. E. Lindell's Court this morning, for the theft of a length of linen and a motor rug. Sentence of eight weeks' hard labour was passed on him. The cook pleaded that he had been the victim of tricks played on him by other servants of Mr. Wilson's, suggesting that the other domestics had a spite against him. His story was disbelieved.

Pictures showing for the last time to-day, besides the exciting detective story, "The Pleasure Buyers," at the Queen's Theatre, include "The Lucky Lady," with Greta Nissen and Lionel Barrymore at the World Theatre; and "Alma of the South Seas," with Gladys Gray at the Star Theatre. "The Lucky Lady" is being screened at 5.15 and 9.20 only, the picture at 2.30 and 7.15 in the World Theatre being the Chinese drama, "Wong Tin Ba."

Booking is now open at Mourie's and the Star Theatre for "Incidents," the entertaining revue with which Mr. Dick Norton's company of eleven artistes, the "Globe Trotters," will conclude their local season at the Star Theatre on Friday and Saturday next. "Incidents" represents an entirely new programme which can be relied upon to go with a swing from start to finish. Admission is at the popular prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

BURNS NICHOL DINNER IN HONGKONG.

MR. SHEWAN TO PROPOSE "IMMORTAL MEMORY."

Arrangements are now well in hand for the Burns Nichol dinner which is to be held at the Volunteer Headquarters, under the auspices of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society on Wednesday, the 25th instant. It is expected that there will be a large gathering of Scotsmen to do honour to the memory of the Scottish bard.

Naturally, a feature of the occasion will be the proposing of the toast of "The Immortal Memory of Robert Burns," a task which will be undertaken by Mr. Robert G. Shewan, a past President of the St. Andrew's Society, who is well-known as an eloquent speaker and a great admirer of Burns. Other toasts will be "The King," to be submitted by Mr. D. Templeton, the President of the Society; and "The Lassies," to be proposed by Mr. W. Kay and responded to by Mr. R. K. M. Simpson. Grate will be said by the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

There will be plenty of real Scottish fare at the dinner, including, of course, the Haggis—"warm reekin' and rich;" to say nothing of Ellisland broth, Nithside salmon steak and Ayrshire roast beef.

The occasion should be one long to be remembered, and it is hoped that all members of St. Andrew's Society will make a point of being present.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Jan. 17.
Paris	124
Brussels	34.97
Amsterdam	12.08 1/2
Berlin	20.47
Copenhagen	18.20
Vienna	34.62 1/2
Helsingfors	129 1/2
Lisbon	213.32
Bucharest	700
Buenos Aires	4113/16
Shanghai	1/11 1/16
Kobe	487 13/32
Yokohama	25.30
Genoa	22.15
Milan	18.13
Stockholm	18.33
Oslo	18.44
Prague	28.52 1/2
Madrid	20.74
Athens	5.29 1/2
Rio	2/0 1/2
Bombay	2/0 1/2
Hongkong	23/13 1/2
Silver (spot)	23/13 1/2
Silver (forward)	26

—British Wireless.

DARING ROBBERY IN STREET.

PRISONER-CAPTURED AFTER A CHASE.

Alleged to have attacked a man in the street in Connaught Road West and to have assisted in robbing him of \$1,500 in money and two bundles of Canton National Bonds, a Chinese appeared before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood at the Criminal Sessions this morning to answer a charge of robbery.

The prisoner pleaded not guilty. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown.

Mr. Fitzroy said the incident occurred on November 30 last year, when the attacked man was taking the money and securities to the s.s. Charles Hardouin which was to convey them to Canton.

When outside 26 Connaught Road West he was suddenly attacked by three men. One man knocked him down and the other two committed the robbery. One of them thrust some pepper in his face which was no doubt intended for his eyes.

They then ran away and their victim gave chase. During the hunt two of the men disappeared and the prisoner was eventually arrested. With the exception of brief periods when rounding corners the prisoner was kept in sight all the time until he was caught.

The case is proceeding.

BAG SNATCHER CAUGHT.

SIX MONTHS' IMPRISONMENT AND 15 STROKES.

Pleading guilty to a charge of snatching a hand bag from Miss S. Lee, a Chinese lady residing at No. 221, Kowloon Tong, a Chinese was this morning sentenced by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court to six months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch.

The defendant was also charged with assaulting a Sanitary Department foreman but the Police did not press this count which was accordingly dropped.

Sergeant Macdonald said that the complainant and a friend were walking along Montague Ede Road towards Prince Edward Road at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when the defendant snatched her hand bag and ran away. Miss Lee gave chase, at the same time raising the alarm. A Chinese gentleman joined in the chase and the defendant, on running into the alleyway at the rear of Dr. Kwan's house was intercepted by a Sanitary Department foreman.

When stopped by the foreman the defendant struck his captor and attempted to rush past him, but the foreman struggled with the defendant and with the arrival of the Chinese who had previously joined in the chase he was over-powered. His Worship passed sentence as stated.

NEW VISCOUNTCY.

GENERAL BYNG; HERO OF VIMY.

London, Jan. 17. It is announced in the *Gazette* that H.M. the King has conferred a viscounty on Baron Byng of Vimy.—*Reuter.*

Later. Viscount Byng's honour was bestowed in 1926, when he retired from the Governor-Generalship of Canada. The delay in gazeteting the honour is due to Viscount Byng's refusal to pay the attendant fees, but it is understood that these have now been remitted.—*Reuter.*

Viscount Byng of Vimy, and of Thorpe le Soken, G.C.B., G.C.M.G., is the seventh son of the 5th Earl of Strathford, and is honoured in connexion with his valuable services to the State as Governor-General of Canada from 1921 to 1926.

His military career was a brilliant one. He joined the 10th Royal Hussars in 1883, was promoted Major in 1898, and Colonel in 1901. He served in the Sudan in 1884, being engaged at El Teb and Tamai, and later in the Boer War.

He rose quickly during the European War. After the Dardanelles campaign, he was promoted Lieut. General, appointed to the command of the 3rd Army in France 1917, with promotion to General. He was created Baron in 1919, and two years later was appointed Governor-General of Canada.

The December number of the *Yellow Dragon*, Queen's College magazine, is now out. It is a capital issue, containing much of scholarly interest, as well as a continuation of "A. H. C.'s" informative article on the flowering plants of Hongkong.

The Very Idea!

"Now, boys," said the teacher, "I want you to bear in mind that the affix 'stan' means 'the place of.' Thus we have Afghanistan, the place of the Afghans. Can any one give me another example?"

Nobody seemed very anxious to do so until little Jimmy said, proudly, "Yes, sir, I can—umbrella-stand, the place for umbrellas!"

All the notoriety that Cleopatra got was a two-stick story, with X marks the spot. Tragically she moaned with her dying gasp: "I'd have made front page if I'd bit that asp!"

Lord Napier of Magdala, that great soldier whose life has just been published by his son, the Hon. H. D. Napier, was noted for his wonderful tact.

While he was Governor at Gibraltar King Edward sent him an urgent cable saying that he had heard that his two midshipmen sons, then on board the "Bacchante," had been tattooed on their noses by their fellow-midshipmen.

The possibility of a future heir to the Throne being thus adorned filled the Court with alarm. Lord Napier, therefore, with great diplomacy, invited the young Princes to dinner, and found that the rumour was entirely without foundation.

Man at Clerkenwell County Court, when a woman was called as a witness: Her son gives her something to do and keeps her out of mischief—she is a widow.

Elderly man, at Willesden: Say I was drunk, do they? Magistrate: Yes. Policeman, sergeant, and doctor all say so. Man: Let 'em all say it, then, and I'll say so too.

Poplar wife: You don't mind your husband coming home intoxicated, but you bar the lodger. Clerk at Kingston: Have you any fixed abode? Man: I have and I have not; you know what I mean. Court official: He lives in a lodging-house.

Football Coach (to players): "Remember that football develops individuality, initiative, and leadership. Now get in there and do exactly as I tell you."

Schoolmaster—"Now then, William, what are you doing? Learning something?" Jones—"No, sir, I'm listening to you."

I am only a ghost of my former self.—Lord Carson. Each of us is a nuisance to someone sometimes.—Mr. W. B. Luke.

I thank the medical profession for my own continued existence.—Lord Darling.

America is rapidly accumulating industrial problems similar to those of our own country.—Mr. W. Sherwood. I believe that there is not as much individual freedom in Soviet Russia to-day, nor yet as much Communism, as in this country.—Mr. Sidney Webb, M.P.

The circus proprietor was desirous of engaging a dwarf for exhibition purposes, and his friend, the agent, had assured him that he could put him in touch with the very man for his purpose.

"And you're sure he's a real midget?" queried the showman. "Real midget, my boy!" exclaimed the agent. "Why, he's so short that every time his feet ache, he thinks he's got neuralgia!"

Henry Simpson, Los Angeles, found out that the bed is no place for a sorority pin when his wife, Gladys Simpson applied for a divorce.

After she had told the judge her troubles she confined to him that she had found a sorority pin in the bed once.

"I don't see anything wrong with that," the court commented. "But you see, Judge, I don't belong to a sorority," she said and was granted a divorce.

Man (newly convicted)—"Will you wait until I get the money from the Beero?" Magistrate—"Is that a public-house?"

Policeman—He means the Labour Exchange sir.

The schoolmistress had been explaining to the youngsters all about angles. It was a dark and dreary afternoon, and Tommy's mind was wandering to brighter realms when suddenly she came down upon him with, "Now, Tommy will tell us what an angle is." Silence.

Teacher (peremptorily)—"What is an angle?" Tommy—"What you holds a cup with, miss."

COLONY'S POPPY DAY EFFORT.

NEARLY TWO THOUSAND POUNDS SECURED.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The British Legion issues the following report from the "Poppy Day" Sub-Committee, which consisted of Mr. Gordon Leask (Chairman), Mrs. J. E. Hancock, Mr. G. W. Sewell, Mr. A. Piercy (Secretary) and Mr. W. Brackenridge (Treasurer):

The annual collection in aid of Earl Haig's Fund for Disabled Ex-Service Men was held on Armistice Day and the most gratifying sum of \$19,835.16 was received as shown in the following balance sheet.

Clubs and Associations	\$ 7,776.00
Donations	1,900.00
Street Sales—Hongkong	\$5,044.60
Kowloon	1,583.28
Church Collections (Remembrance Sunday)	438.44
Ships (Merchant Marine)	323.66
Navy	432.52
Army	2,181.20
Balance of 1926 a/c transferred	63.00
Bank Interest	15.49
	\$19,835.16

Payments.

Purchase of Poppies	\$704.00
Purchase of Trays	40.00
Purchase of Collecting Boxes	50.00
Posters	50.00
Printing and Stationery	24.45
Postages	46.20
Telegrams	15.50
Cost of Cheque Book and Sundries	11.43
	\$985.58

This left a balance of \$18,852.18 which was remitted Home as a special rate kindly given by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation together with a sterling cheque for £5, resulting in the sum of \$19,844.60, being sent to the Headquarters of the Appeal in London.

"Highly Satisfactory."

Although this does not constitute a record, being exceeded in 1924, the result is highly satisfactory considering the existing circumstances and shows that this Colony has not forgotten the sacrifices made by the men who fought for us during the Great War.

The large sum of \$7,776 shown under the heading of Clubs and Associations represents donations and the proceeds of auctions and fetes by various organisations, to whom we are most grateful.

The Hongkong Football Association gave its usual help by arranging a charity football match. The total receipts amounted to \$1,814, and the Association kindly gave us the whole sum without deducting any expenses. At this match, the Pipes of the K.O.S.B. played during the interval and the Committee again thank the Commanding Officer and Officers for giving permission for this.

Prominent members of the community were circumscribed with a view to obtaining donations, and a generous response resulted. It was particularly gratifying to receive contributions from Chinese residents whose help was highly appreciated.

The sales of poppies in the streets of the Colony has now become an annual feature of the Armistice Day celebrations, and the amount collected (\$5,044.60) was most satisfactory. The Committee take this opportunity of again thanking those ladies who so kindly assisted and here again we received the ready co-operation of several Chinese ladies whose boxes gave substantial evidence of their enthusiasm.

The Sunday before Armistice Day is known as "Remembrance Sunday" and collections taken on that day in the Churches of all denominations brought the useful addition of \$438.44 to our funds. Special sermons were also preached.

New Departure.

A new departure this year was the placing of poppies and collection boxes on board ships which would be at sea on Armistice Day, and the result justified the trouble taken in this connexion.

As usual, the Services contributed handsomely and apart from the sums shown in the accounts, poppies were supplied to various transports which passed through the Colony and to the 1st Cruiser Squadron, the money collected being remitted direct to London by those concerned.

Turning to the expenditure, the largest item is the purchase of poppies. The sum of \$704 may appear high, but this is accounted for by the fact that we supplied poppies to various outposts (Canton, Amoy, Swatow and Chefoo) and also to transports, ships and 1st Cruiser Squadron, as mentioned before. The Army and Navy naturally accounted for a large proportion of our supplies, owing to the in-

MR. COOLIDGE LEAVES FOR HOME.

COMMENT ON SPEECH AT HAVANA.

Havana, Jan. 17.

President Calvin Coolidge, accompanied by Mr. Kellogg and Mr. Curtis Wilbur, left for Key West this morning on board the U.S.S. Memphis en route to Washington. *Reuter's American Service.*

Much Omitted.

London, Jan. 17.

The newspapers comment rather on what President Coolidge left out than what he included in his speech at Havana. For instance, the *Daily News* says that he "omitted the chief characters in an otherwise excellent performance. He said a good deal about Columbus but nothing about Nicaragua and Mexico."—*Reuter.*

Caustic Comment.

Paris, Jan. 17.

European economic unions are urged by the newspapers in commenting on President Coolidge's speech at Havana. *Le Petit Journal* says that if Europe wants to live it must be capable of formulating and obtaining respect for her own Monroe Doctrine within the framework of engagements undertaken at Geneva. *Pertinax* writing in *Le Matin* says that President Coolidge's speech is more worthy of a baptist in a chapel than of a diplomatic gathering.—*Reuter.*

Stroke of Genius.

New York, Jan. 17.

President Coolidge's visit to Havana in person seems to have been a stroke of genius. Even the Opposition press here is conscious of the goodwill evoked by the President's presence, which infected the conference.

The *New York Times* says that not since the days of Henry Clay has the United States appeared before the Central and South American republics with arms thus wide open. The *New York World* refers to Mr. Coolidge's address as "an unusually ardent plea for friendship and understanding." The *Herald Tribune* believes that the sincerity of the President's presentation of the American attitude is unmistakable.—*Reuter's American Service.*

INDIFFERENT AS TO OWN FATE.

INTERVIEW WITH TROTSKY AT MOSCOW.

Berlin, Jan. 17.

The Moscow correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt* states that Trotsky, interviewed before leaving for Vienna yesterday, appeared to be quite indifferent concerning his personal fate, saying that at least the world revolution is now progressing for the first time since 1923.

Trotsky predicted a general movement in the various countries constituting Europe towards social democracy, and from that Communism would eventually gain. He was not, however, certain that a Labour Government in England with Liberal tendencies would desire closer relations with Russia or would be prepared to make any concession to the Soviet.—*Reuter.*

Consuls Return From China.

Moscow, Jan. 17.

The Russian Consuls from Shanghai, Hankow and Changsha have arrived here.

M. Yanson, Assistant People's Commissary of the Workers and Peasants' Inspection, has been appointed People's Commissary of Justice, in the place of M. Kursky.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN TARIFF QUESTION.

SENATE'S RESOLUTION SHELVED.

Washington, Jan. 17.

The House of Representatives has, by 185 votes to 164, shelved the Senate's resolution demanding the immediate downward revision of the tariff.

Since the House of Representatives alone have the authority to initiate tariff legislation, it is not likely that the question will be reopened this session.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Increased numbers of service men in the Colony. The other items of expenditure are normal and call for no special comment.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Mr. A. Ritchie who kindly audited the accounts.

W. BRACKENRIDGE,
Hon. Treasurer.

CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

RETURN TO POLITICAL ARENA.

DARE NOT FORECAST RESULT.

Nanking, Jan. 10.

In a circular telegram dated the 9th instant addressed to all newspapers, the Kuomintang members and the Chinese people, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek announced his resumption of the position as Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army, pledging obedience to the Central authorities in his direction of the military affairs of the Nationalist Government. A translation of General Chiang's circular telegram is as follows:

"To all comrades of the Kuomintang and all fellow countrymen: 'In face of persistent demands from the various Party organs and all ranks of the Army and repeated requests from the Government and the people for me to emerge from my retirement in order to help shoulder the heavy responsibility, all having pointed out that the stupendous task of the Northern Expedition may soon be achieved and that I have not yet fulfilled my duty, I have become gravely apprehensive of the consequences and hardly know what to do.

Party Shaken to Foundation. 'Last August, when internal dissension threatened to wreck the Party, I voluntarily withdrew, hoping thereby to bring solidarity to the ranks of the Party that there might be a spirit of unity. However, during the past few months, in spite of ever more strenuous efforts on the part of our comrades, the Party has been shaken to its very foundation and internal quarrels have become worse; and while our military comrades have made tremendous sacrifices the progress of the Northern Expedition has been none the less retarded. All this may be traced to my negligence of duty and I offer no excuse for my failure.

'Furthermore, the Central Special Committee having been declared dissolved, the convention of the 4th Plenary Session is yet in preparation. Apparently the various organs have for the moment ceased to function. The Party's authority has broken down and the political atmosphere is charged with uncertainty. The people are all apprehensive and the military affairs become pressing. In face of such conditions, there must be no indulgence in personal calculations in disregard of natural duties to the country.

'Pursuant to the wish of the Central authorities, therefore, I came to Nanking on the 4th instant, and resumed what the Central authorities had once entrusted to me—the duties and authority of Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army.

Pledged to Discipline. 'I pledge myself to discipline, to encourage the Army to the utmost of my ability and to direct personally at the front in the Northern Expedition. I pledge also to support the Central authorities in order to strengthen the foundation of the Government, and to suppress all Communist uprisings in order to bring peace and order to the people. As regards all Party and Government affairs, I hold that the Central authorities should be solely responsible. I shall, as a member of the Central Committee, follow the lead of the other members and share the responsibility.

'At the same time, on the one hand, I shall submit myself to the direction of the Central authorities in my administration of all military affairs so as to better our military positions for our eventual advance, while, on the other, I shall share the task of preparing for the convention of the 4th Plenary Session so that the conference may soon be convened and the Party's foundation be once again firmly established. With the position of the Central authorities restored and the Party unified, the complete extermination of our enemies may be momentarily accomplished. When the Northern Expedition shall have been completed, I shall immediately tender my resignation with the Central authorities so as to make amends for my evasion of duty last year.

Dare Not Forecast Result. 'I dare not forecast the result of my reappearance at this critical moment of our Party and country, when both are on the brink of collapse and the people are in a despairing state. I only know that the Northern Expedition cannot be further delayed and that the progress of the Revolution cannot remain interrupted. We must all hurry and unite to make up our loss. I hope all my comrades will get together and that all my fellow countrymen will lend support and join in our strife. I am sincere in my purpose, although incapable of making it manifest, and I crave your advice and guidance with great earnestness. The future of our Party and country depends upon you.

'CHIANG KAI-SHEK,
Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army."

BRITISH NAVAL PLANS HALVED.

ONLY THREE CRUISERS INSTEAD OF SIX.

London, Jan. 17.

The *Shipping World*, in an article to-day, understands that the British naval programme for 1928-29 will include only two cruisers, in addition to nine destroyers and six submarines.

The Cabinet's decision that only three cruisers will be begun during the next two years instead of the six stipulated in the five-year programme which was accepted by the Government three years ago, will result in a saving of £6,000,000 over the next four years.—*Reuter.*

London, Jan. 17.

The Cabinet's new decision means that only two 8,000-ton cruisers will be laid down in 1928 instead of three.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN PLANS.

Establish Parity First.

New York, Jan. 17.

The *Herald-Tribune*, commenting upon the decisions of the Senate Naval Committee representatives in regard to the proposals for new warships, says it will be time to consider suspending construction after America has established parity with Great Britain and is in a strategic position to do so.—*Reuter's American Service.*

"Wicked" Affront To World.

New York, Jan. 17.

The *New York World* denounces the action of the Naval Committee of the House of Representatives in striking out from the Navy Bill provision empowering the President to suspend the programme in an emergency, in which President Coolidge proposed to use the power if it was possible for the convocation of an international naval limitation conference.

The *World* says that if the Bill is passed so modified and President Coolidge signs it, Congress will be placed in the attitude of seeking to bind the action of future Congresses regardless of how international skies may brighten. Peace-lovers in the United States should show displeasure at this proposal so clearly that Congress dare not enter so reckless, prodigal and wicked an affront to foreign nations.—*Reuter's American Service.*

CONTRARY TO JAPAN'S LAWS.

LANDING OF CABLE REFUSED.

Tokyo, Jan. 11.

The Japanese Ministry of Communications will not permit non-Japanese cables to touch Hakodate, it was learned at the Department today. Asked whether the Western Union had been refused permission to land its proposed cable from Seattle to Manila at Hakodate, the Ministry said that the company inquired informally about this in December and that it was then pointed out that such a landing was in conflict with Japanese laws, which require that all cables, radios or other communications touching Japan shall be controlled and handled by the Japanese Government, thus apparently halting the Western Union project.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*. Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. Is the estimated wheat yield in this country better or worse this year than last year, and by how much?
2. How many mystery plays were running in London at Christmas?
3. How do British builders protect the framework used in their buildings?
4. To whom was each of the following married: Obeyron, Ananias, Brutus, King Arthur, Louis XVI?
5. Define the following: (a) Idiom, (b) digraph, (c) hyperbole.
6. Do little flies grow into big ones?
7. Why is the bleaching and dyeing industry successful at Perth?
8. Who was the first Danish king in England, and whom did he succeed?
9. Explain the difference between factious, factitious, and factitious.
10. What is meant by (a) a right angle, (b) an acute angle, (c) an obtuse angle?
11. What are the characteristics of those prayers known as collects?
12. How many movements are there in a sonata?

YAUMATI ROBBERY SEQUEL.

WOMEN THREATENED WITH DAGGERS.

TO-DAY'S SENTENCE.

The Criminal Sessions commenced this morning before the Pulao Judge, Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, when, in the first case for trial, the manner in which an attempted armed robbery was frustrated at No. 9, Shanghai Street, Yaumati, on November 25th last was recalled.

The prisoner, Kan Fat, was charged that he, together with two others, assaulted certain inmates of the house with intent to rob them. He pleaded not guilty. Mr. Somerset Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown.

In outlining the circumstances, Mr. Fitzroy said that on the day of the robbery there were a number of people on the floor. These included the wife of the tenant, an amah who was in the kitchen, and another woman. In the main room were three other women.

The first thing that happened was the sound of a knock on the door which was answered by the amah. Before she opened the door, she asked who was there and received a reply to the effect that they were men who wanted to change electric wires. She then opened the door and two men entered. They were carrying a small bucket, on the top of which were a pair of pliers, a screw-driver, a hammer, electric wire and connexions, which gave them an air of legitimate business.

When, however, the bucket was later examined at the Police Station, at the bottom were found wooden gags and walnuts which were used for gagging purposes.

When the men entered the premises they apparently went on to the verandah to give the idea of examining some wires and when they returned they opened the door and admitted a third man. He was the prisoner.

Daggers Produced.

The first thing the prisoner did was to grasp the amah by her coat. One of the other women, on seeing this, made some remark, whereupon the two other men seized her and produced daggers with which they threatened her by pointing them at her throat. The prisoner also produced a dagger with which he threatened the amah, and the same man also later threatened another of the women.

In dealing with the other occupants of the floor, the prisoner released his hold of the amah, who immediately rushed to the door, which had been bolted by the men, unbolted it, and ran into the street, where she raised the alarm.

The three men then followed suit, running down the stairs into the street. As soon as they had gone, an occupant of the floor blew a police whistle. Apparently when the men reached Shanghai Street, they turned in the direction of Jordan Road, and, in the ensuing chase, the prisoner was arrested by a constable. He was seen to throw away a dagger which he was carrying, and that instrument was picked up by the constable.

Concluding, Mr. Fitzroy said the prisoner was identified by the amah as the man who seized her.

Four-Year Sentence.

After evidence had been given by witnesses corroborating Mr. Fitzroy's statement, the prisoner said he had been falsely accused, saying that he was stopped by the constable who afterwards picked up the dagger.

The jury returned a unanimous verdict of "Guilty" without retiring.

The prisoner, who admitted a previous conviction, was sentenced to four years' hard labour.

ANTARCTIC FLIGHT PLANNED.

COMMANDER BYRD TO MAKE BIG EFFORT.

Chicago, Jan. 17.

The Polar aviator, Commander Byrd, is setting out in September on an Antarctic Expedition from New York in the ice-ship *Sampson*, which is at present being fitted out at Tromsø, in Norway.

The Expedition will comprise 50 men, who will take with them a hundred dogs, with which to establish bases on the landing grounds of the Ross Ice Barrier to within a thousand miles of the South Pole.

The final flight will be one of 2,000 miles over an ice-field believed never to have been previously traversed. Commander Byrd expects to return to the United States in June, 1929, but he may be compelled to remain in the Antarctic until June, 1930.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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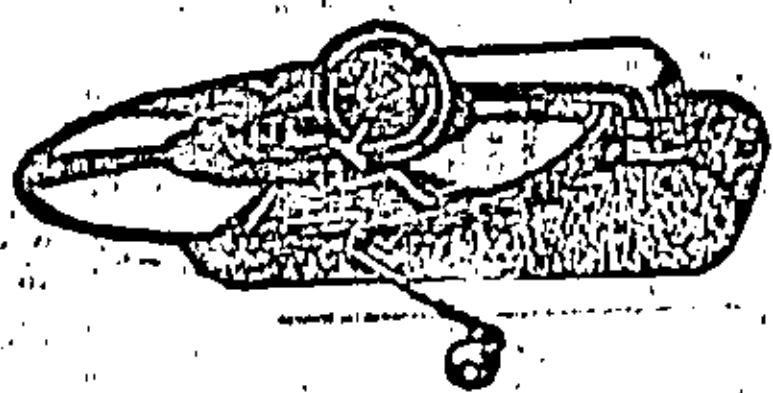
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PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English League and Scottish Cup matches (to be played on Saturday next, January 21st) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on January 21st:—

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FIRST ROUND.

Dumbarton	v	Hamilton.
Arthurlie	v	Queen's Park.
Ayr U.	v	Bo'ness.
Clydebank	v	Dunfermline.
East Fife	v	Dundee U.
Rail Rvs.	v	Aberdeen.

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Birmingham	v	Everton.
Portsmouth	v	West Ham.
Arsenal	v	Aston Villa.
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TOURIST TRAFFIC SENSATION.

CUNARD LINE'S MOVE FOR CHEAPER TRIPS.

London, Dec. 8.

A great development of the system by which cabin passengers can cross the Atlantic for a holiday in first-class comfort was announced by the Cunard Company last night. Reductions that amount to as much as \$25 10s. on some of the return fares by new post-war liners are included in the announcement.

Next April.

Two 20,000-ton ships, the "Laconia" and the "Scythia," and four 14,000-ton vessels, the "Andania," "Antonia," "Athenia," and "Letitia," are involved. They will be put into service at the new rates next April, when the tourist season begins again.

It is hoped that twenty liners will be brought under the scheme during 1928.

The official announcement of the Cunard Company describes the cut in the rates as a further development in the provision of the most comfortable form of travel at moderate rates.

The "Laconia" and the "Scythia," the two larger ships, are used on the Liverpool, Queens-town, Boston, and New York, service, and the passenger rate alterations which affect them mean the abolition of "first class passengers." "Cabin passengers" will take their place, and will be given the accommodation formerly reserved as "first class."

First Class.

A cabin passenger by either of the two vessels will be able to travel under first class conditions at a return fare of \$62. The fare for the same accommodation this season was \$85.

Tourist passengers will travel at a return fare of \$37 10s., as against \$58—the old second class rate.

The remaining four ships are employed on the Liverpool, Glasgow, and Canada service. In their case tourist passengers will travel as cabin passengers, paying only \$36 10s. for return fare at accommodation that last summer season cost \$82.

A THREE GHOST.

MISCHIEVOUS EARLY MORNING PRANKS.

DISQUIETING INCIDENTS.

There have come to light a number of disquieting incidents which have happened in a house in the Island of Tiree. The tenant of a cottage there has been seriously troubled by unusual and disturbing events of an abnormal character. A curious point is that these unexplained incidents have taken place on successive years, starting about the same time. The earliest of them date back to 1925.

The first manifestations on this occasion began about the beginning of November. Usually the period

JACK DELANEY.



Jack Delaney, the ex-light-heavyweight champion, who states he is a contender for the heavyweight title. He knocked out Sully Montgomery in 22 seconds on Monday.

of disturbance lasts about three weeks. The first indication that the time had arrived again for manifestations, which seem to belong to the category of the "poltergeist," was when a saucer on which soap was kept suddenly broke into smithereens on the floor.

Two nights later a quantity of papers was flung into the room in which the tenant was sleeping. After another interval of about two days a flower-pot, a clock, and two kettles were placed in the form of a square, and the cap of the tenant was hung on the handle of one of the kettles.

"Poltergeist" Movement.

These manifestations are typical of "poltergeist" movements of physical objects, often before the eyes of witnesses, a "poltergeist" being a mischievous spirit, according to the psychic authorities, generally found in association with a child, who has unsuspected mediumistic qualities.

Shortly after one o'clock in the morning, this same cap was in a mysterious and unexplained manner carried through the air from the

NEW VISCOUNT.



Lord Byng on whom a viscountcy has been conferred.

kitchen door, where it hung, to the fender in the bedroom. The tenants were sitting up, and they saw its progress quite plainly. A scarf was also carried through the apartment in the same abnormal way, landing at the foot of the bed.

The tenant states that always before any of these manifestations happen they are warned by hearing two to four distinct taps. The manifestations began so troublesome that the tenant began to consider leaving the house altogether although he has occupied it for a long series of years.

There were eighteen deaths from want and exposure in London in 1926 compared with 14 in 1925, states the annual report of the London County Council. The total number of suicides in 1925 was 615, and in 1926, 600.

SHAKESPEARE RELICS.

ALLEGED FORGER SENT FOR TRIAL.

After a hearing lasting two days, Hunter Charles Rogers (47), horticulturist, of The Dell, Middle Green, Langley, Bucks, was committed from Slough Police Court to the next Bucks Assizes, charged with forgery and false pretences in reference to alleged relics of Penn, Milton, and Shakespeare.

Rogers was first accused of forging three letters and causing a cheque for £200 to be delivered to Mr. Edmund Lewis Winkup, art dealer, of Windsor.

He was next charged with obtaining two sums of £800 each by false pretences from Captain William Jaggard, author of the bibliography of the Shakespeares of Stratford-on-Avon.

Rogers was further charged with obtaining £100 from Mr. Richard Thomas Prout, of Whittable, Kent, with intent to defraud.

The Supposed Relics.

The supposed relics of Penn, Milton, and Shakespeare were produced in Court. One was an iron chest alleged to have been given to William Penn by King Charles II., and there was a wooden shovel, inscribed by Thomas Penn, "This was the first instrument used in Pennsylvania, and taken over by my father, William Penn, 1681. This was greatly treasured by my father, as it was made from his ship. Treasured by me, Thomas Penn."

There were also documents bearing signatures purporting to be those of Shakespeare.

Captain William Jaggard deposed to buying two collections from Rogers, who guaranteed that all the things were genuine. He found that they were not, and when he asked for the return of his money Rogers told him to "go to blazes."

Mr. Williams (a Magistrate)—How many signatures of Shakespeare are there?

Captain Jaggard—Only six genuine ones, about which there can be no doubt. He saw at once that a number of the things he was buying could not be genuine, but there was a chance that one document might be true and authentic. It was too good luck to expect thirty or forty genuine signatures at the price.

Why did you part with the money?—Because Rogers said, "I must have the cash first. If these things are not as I say, you shall have your money back at once."

The first collection unfortunately was stolen away, because I wanted to see different experts to make sure that everything was right or wrong. Before I could get help on the first collection he offered the second collection, and I thought I might as well take the whole lot.

Rogers—You stated in Court at Birmingham that they were old forgeries.

Captain Jaggard—What I stated was that I believed some of the forgeries to be old ones. That was in a civil action against Rogers.

Rogers—Did you not offer Dr. Tannenbaum, of New York, one of the documents for \$10,000?

Captain Jaggard—No; this is the first time I have heard of it. I have never offered Dr. Tannenbaum any documents in my life.

Rogers—You knew that Dr. Tannenbaum had seen me at a hotel in New York.

Captain Jaggard—I did not know.

Rogers—If it was worth \$10,000 you have not paid me the right price for the collection.

Captain Jaggard—I have never offered it to Dr. Tannenbaum. It is very unfortunate for you that you do not produce the letter with the offer.

Rogers—You knew that the greater number of these things were Henry Ireland's forgeries?

Captain Jaggard—I did not know that.

Rogers—Did I not inform you? Captain Jaggard—You did not.

Expert Opinion.

Mr. Julius Barnard Gilson, Keeper of Manuscripts at the British Museum, said that in his opinion the signatures to the documents produced were not those of William Shakespeare, and he had never said that they were genuine. Rogers called on him and told him a remarkable story about the collection of Shakespeares relics which he had, and he went to see them. He told Rogers they were not convincing in themselves. The only evidence was a certain inscription purporting to be written by the banker-poet, Samuel Rogers.

Rogers—You said anyone could call themselves a descendant of Samuel Rogers.

Mr. Gilson—I don't remember that.

The Clerk—Are you prepared to say that the defendant is like Samuel Rogers, the poet?

Mr. Gilson—No.

FISH PASTE FIRMS LIVELY MEETING.

SHAREHOLDERS CRITICISE NEW CAPITAL SCHEME.

Lively scenes characterised the three hours' meeting of shareholders of Crosse and Blackwell, Ltd., held in London, last month. The meeting was called to approve a scheme submitted by the Board for their reorganisation of the capital.

Mr. T. G. Blackwell, chairman of the Board, who presided, said the directors considered that the scheme was fair and equitable to all classes of shareholders.

Mr. Lucas, a first Preference shareholder, moved an amendment that the proposals be referred back to the Board to prepare a scheme more equitable to the three different classes of shareholders. The speaker also protested against Crosse and Blackwell being in any way Americanised.

Proceeding amidst a great deal of interruption, Mr. Lucas denounced the scheme as unfair to the Preference shareholders and declared that it was all in favour of the Ordinary shareholders and of the managing director, who had just recently become the largest Ordinary shareholder.

In answer to repeated requests the Chairman said the Board held 3,760,000 proxies in favour of the scheme, and there were 4,620 against.

Mr. Goff, warmly resented the innuendoes. He had from the trustees 540,000 Ordinary shares on terms that were quite satisfactory to the trustees and their solicitors. The shares would be formally transferred to him on December 31, and he would have full control of the shares. I am accused of robbing, said Mr. Goff. Then I must be robbing myself.

"We want British and not American money," shouted a shareholder. Mr. Goff replied that the money realised on the shares he had sold would be used for extending the business in Canada and America.

Mr. Lucas declared that the shareholders had not had time to digest the scheme.

"If you haven't been able to digest the scheme by now," retorted a shareholder, "it is time you joined the mustard club." (Loud laughter.)

Another shareholder was addressing the meeting with quotations from Shakespeare and referring to "the tide in the affairs of men," when a lady shareholder interjected with the remark, "Do dry up. I want my lunch."

A second amendment was moved deferring the scheme until after the next ordinary meeting of the company in April. After further discussion in which the majority of the speakers were in favour of the scheme, the amendments were submitted and declared lost by large majorities.

The main scheme was then put and 137 voted in favour and 77 against. As this did not give the necessary 75 per cent. majority, the chairman formally demanded a poll.

AMERICAN BOXING.

DELANEY REAPPEARS.

Brooklyn, Jan. 17.

In a ten round contest, Pacino Uzcudun beat the Bostonian, Ed. Kacey by a technical knockout in the second round, the referee stopping the fight owing to the terrible punishment inflicted by the Spaniard.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Delaney as Heavyweight.

New York, Jan. 17.

Jack Delaney, the ex-light-heavyweight champion, is now aspiring to the heavyweight title. He opened his campaign by knocking out Sully Montgomery, the ex-footbal star in twenty-two seconds.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Rogers—In one letter you said we all have a great deal to learn with regard to Shakespeare.

Mr. Gilson—I dare say I did. It is perfectly true.

Rogers—You remarked that some of them appeared to be Ireland's.

Mr. Gilson—I think I did rather suggest that some of them looked rather like Ireland's forgeries. In the early part of the last century Ireland produced a number of letters and signatures purporting to be those of Shakespeare.

Mr. Frederick Christian Wellstood, secretary and librarian to the trustees of Stratford-on-Avon, stated that in his opinion the signatures on the various documents produced in Court were not those of William Shakespeare, and he had not pronounced them genuine. None of the manuscripts had at any time been in Shakespeare's handwriting. Many of them were for some months in the offices of the trust in order that they might be examined.

Rogers—I brought everything to get enlightenment from you.

Mr. Wellstood—Yes; you certainly asked me a great many questions about them.

ARMS CASES.

AMERICAN SEAMAN'S GUNS.

Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson adjudicated in two arms cases at the Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon, when in one case two defendants were sentenced to three years' hard labour. Mr. L. R. Andrewes who defended, later applied for reconsideration of sentence, remarking that the penalty was tremendously severe.

In a case in which only Mr. Schofield adjudicated, an American carpenter of the President Jefferson was sentenced to imprisonment for three months with the option of a fine of \$250.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared in the first case to represent a boatman who was charged by Inspector Fallon with being in possession of 14,150 rounds of Mauser ammunition on board a junk off Shamshuipo on the night of January 7.

Mr. McCallum asked permission to explain the circumstances of the case before entering a plea. He said that the defendant had received information that a certain man had ammunition for sale, and the defendant was to act as broker and salesman.

A certain woman, whom the defendant knew, came to him and said that she desired to purchase some of this ammunition for her friends in the village. That, added Mr. McCallum, was apparently the prelude, as it were, to the trap.

The defendant was on his way in a boat, taking the woman to where the ammunition was kept, when the Police arrived on the scene and he was arrested.

He was merely acting as a broker, concluded Mr. McCallum, and under the circumstances he (Mr. McCallum) would have to plead not guilty to the charge of possession.

Inspector Fallon then went into the witness box and said that together with a party of detectives he went at 6.15 p.m. on January 7, by motor boat to Shamshuipo where he obtained a sampan and boarded a junk which was lying off Shamshuipo. Witness gave the order for the Police officers to conceal themselves, witness with several others going to a cabin at the stern while two Chinese detectives were placed in a cabin above that in which the Inspector was hiding.

Nothing occurred until 8 p.m. when witness heard a sampan come alongside the junk when some persons engaged in conversation.

Ammunition Arrives.

About five minutes later witness saw a man carrying a lamp and walk towards where witness and others were concealed. That man witness recognised as the defendant. Someone was heard to remark that there was a woman in the hold as he could see a pair of legs across the trap door.

The man went away and two minutes later witness heard the two detectives, who were in the cabin above, shouting to the Inspector. Witness left his place of concealment and saw the defendant in the custody of the two detectives.

About two hundred yards away a sampan was seen approaching the junk and then the police, drawing their revolvers, laid in a wait on the deck, concealing themselves as much as possible. The defendant was first confined in the hold.

The sampan went alongside the boat and witness heard some one say that the ammunition had arrived. A rush was then made towards the sampan, the detectives firing several shots into the water. Four men were seen to jump overboard and swim in the direction of the shore. They shouted as they swam and a launch which was about 800 yards from the junk cruised towards them but after half an hour's search it sailed in the direction of Hongkong.

On seeing the launch the Police on board the junk blew their whistles but the people on the launch took no notice of the summons.

On the sampan, which arrived alongside the junk, witness later found eight sacks containing the ammunition mentioned in the charge.

In reply to Mr. McCallum, Inspector Fallon said that the Police had been working on information received. A woman did go on board the junk from the sampan but he did not know who she was. The junk was about half a mile from shore from where the sampan was seen approaching.

Mr. McCallum: What became of the four men who jumped overboard?

Witness: I do not know.

For anything you know they might have been drowned?—Quite possibly, though they might have been picked up by the launch.

Continuing witness said that the defendant was confined in the hold to prevent him from giving the alarm.

Questioned by Major Willson, witness said that the detectives started to fire in their excitement. Witness stopped them immediately.

Detective's Evidence.

A Chinese detective who was concealed in the cabin above that in which Inspector Fallon was hiding was next called and after corroborating the first part of the previous witness' evidence, said that a sampan went alongside and some persons boarded the junk. Witness heard defendant ask someone to show him the colour of his notes, to which the passenger replied that he would as soon as the ammunition was produced.

The defendant then ordered those on the sampan to get the arms. The defendant then started to flash a torch light around the boat, remarking that it was rather big, for such a small crew, that was alleged to have been employed on board. The defendant opened the door of the cabin where witness was concealed. He was immediately seized and the Inspector summoned.

Witness said that when the sampan later returned to the boat he heard someone remark that the ammunition had arrived.

Mr. McCallum asked no questions and addressing the Bench said that there was no evidence of possession against the defendant. He was acting as a broker for the sale of the ammunition. It was obviously arranged that the sale should take place and that the ammunition should be brought by the vendor to this junk.

"There may be some other offence, such as dealing in arms, but this man does not wish to attempt to deny that," said Mr. McCallum.

Mr. Schofield: The defendant undoubtedly had the power of ordering the arms from one place to another and in that event they were in his control.

Admits Trafficking.

Mr. McCallum: It was quite obvious that these arms were going to that boat at any rate. It was pre-arranged presumably that they should go there irrespective of whether the police were going or not. This man was only negotiating for the sale of arms. They were never in his possession.

Continuing, Mr. McCallum said that the evidence of the prosecution which the defence were not denying, clearly showed that the meeting had been pre-arranged. Mr. McCallum referring to the ruling from the Bench, said that the woman had as much power over the arms as the defendant had. Why was she not standing in the dock before the Court?

Asked if he was calling any evidence, Mr. McCallum replied, "As I say I have committed an offence in trafficking in arms but not possession. I do not know if your Worshipship wish to substitute a charge in respect to trafficking."

Mr. Schofield: We should like a little time to consider this point. Mr. McCallum: I want your Worshipship to understand that this man has been perfectly candid in this case.

The case was accordingly remanded to Friday afternoon.

LUGER PISTOLS.

Charges Against Two Northerners.

A charge of possession of three luger pistols, six magazines and 322 rounds of ammunition was preferred against two Shanghai Chinese, who were defended by Mr. L. R. Andrewes.

Mr. Andrewes pleaded guilty and said that his clients asked him to say they had the arms for their own protection for their voyage from Swatow. There had recently been a piracy in the vicinity of that port and as would only be natural they wanted some protection.

Mr. Andrewes pointed out that the crew consisted of about ten persons and they only had three pistols. It was not as if the two men in the dock were the only persons on board with their revolvers between them.

It was stated that the defendants possessed no licence to carry arms whatsoever.

Acting Chief Inspector Aris said that the defendants' boat was stopped in the harbour and on being searched the Lugers were found concealed under the boards of the deck.

Mr. Andrewes remarked that the statement by the Police was unfavourable to the defendants and that unfavourable impression, having been made last, would be left in their Worshipship's minds. Mr. Schofield replied that he always allowed the counsel for the defence to reply to anything said by the Police.

Mr. Andrewes, however, made no comment on the statements made by Inspector Aris.

The defendants were each sentenced to three years' hard labour.

Mr. Andrewes asked their Worshipship to reconsider their sentence,

remarking that three years was a tremendously severe penalty. It was not as if they had had a larger quantity. Their story was quite plausible.

Mr. Schofield: These pistols are the favourite type used by criminals and were brought into the Colony for what purposes we do not know, but rather curiously hidden under boards.

Mr. Andrewes replied that that proved little. They might have done that out of timidity. Personally he was astounded to hear that they were given three years for bringing three pistols into the Colony.

Inspector Aris said that the defendants had plenty of time to make a report that they had the arms when they came into the harbour. As a matter of fact they were stopped leaving the harbour.

Mr. Schofield: I do not think there is sufficient reason for reconsidering the sentence.

AMERICAN SENTENCED.

Pistols Found On Poop Deck.

The case against Robert Douglas Thompson, chief carpenter of the President Jefferson, was then brought up before Mr. Schofield alone. The Police asking for adjudication by one Magistrate only. The defendant was charged with possession of two revolvers and 186 rounds of ammunition.

Sergeant Carey said that a party of detectives were on search duty on the President Jefferson on January 9. The Police went to the defendant's cabin which was occupied by two other carpenters as well. The lockers of these two men were searched after which the defendant told the Police that they need not search any further as he had some arms and ammunition in his locker. The locker was searched and the two revolvers and 186 rounds of ammunition were found.

Mr. Schofield: Can you say if it is usual for members of the crew or the officers of the ship to carry arms and ammunition?

Sergeant Carey: It is not usual, unless it is on the ship's manifest. Arms and ammunition carried for the protection of the ship is carried with the captain's knowledge.

Asked if he had any explanation to make, the defendant replied that he had found the revolvers and some four or five months ago. They had been left in a box containing rope. I really do not know why I had them except that I found them and left them in my locker," added the defendant.

His Worship: Why didn't you report that to the Captain or other officer?

Defendant: Well, I have no reason to say why I did not. I just put them in my locker and that's all there is to it.

His Worship to Sergeant Carey: I understand that you are not asking for a maximum penalty in this case?

Sergeant Carey: No, Your Worshipship. I think a fine of \$250 or three months' hard labour will meet the case.

VALLEY GOLF.

QUALIFYING ROUND FOR ADAMSON CUP.

The January qualifying competition for the Adamson Cup, resulted in W. Sayers and A. E. Clarke tying, the former with a card of 94-24=70 and the latter with 90-20=70. They will play off. Other scores were: J. McCubbin 89-12=77, W. McKay 95-18=77, C. H. McLeod 94-14=80. There were twelve entries.

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dren gathered out of the streets, the first rudiments of reading and writing, the elementary rules of hygiene and the wonderful story of the Gospel. Besides this they visit them in their homes and during the last summer vacation they had over 100 children in the school. This new venture is in addition to the classes for amahs which have been carried on for a great many years and are now run by some of our old girls who come back on Tuesdays and Fridays to serve their people in this way for Christ's sake.

The weekly visits to the Government Civil Hospital and to the Prison have continued and interest is often awakened in individual cases.

Tribute to the Staff.

In conclusion, I would once again like to pay a tribute to the work of the members of the staff, both Chinese and British. It is a great pleasure to report that four of our past students are teaching in the school. There has been a good deal of sickness among the staff this last term, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Pim, kindly lent to us by the Kwangsi-Hunan Mission, and Mrs. Ware for so splendidly coming to our rescue at very short notice.

At a time such as this when troubles surround us, and many schools in China have had to close down, it is a matter for great thankfulness that we have been able to carry on our work in peace and quietness, and strong in the belief that God has called us to this work we can look forward with calmness to the year ahead of us, and in the words of our School motto "In faith, go forward."

"In Faith Go Forward."

His Lordship the Bishop, addressing the company said:

I would like to take up those words with which Miss Atkins concluded: the words of your school motto—"In faith go forward." I have been away from this place, nine months and the prevailing impression in my mind as I return is that in spite of difficulties—in spite of grave difficulties—substantial progress is being made.

I felt this before I read your school report, when I realised that while I have been away a new Chinese Church has been built at Kowloon, a substantial Church Hall has been erected in Canton and St. Paul's Girls' College has been completed and is in occupation.

And now having listened to your school report I feel the same thing. As Chairman of your College Council I know you have real difficulties—not a few this past year; Miss Middleton-Smith has had to go home ill and since then no less than three members of the staff have been in hospital. But in spite of these and other difficulties there has been progress as your examination results testify, as the building projects you have in hand testify, as the developments you have before you for improving your scientific equipment testify—and as, what to me is hardly less important than examination results, the growing spirit of social service among you testifies. I class the cultivation of social service very high in any school curriculum. And if to-day I cast eyes back over the seven years I have known this school there has been progress amid difficulties all along the line—amazing progress.

"In faith go forward" that is the challenge that rings in our ears to-day.

Hostel for Women Students.

There is one special piece of work I myself would like to see carried forward at an early date—that is the provision of a permanent building for St. Stephen's Hall as a hostel for women students attending the University. When I was in England, I had £50 (say 500 dollars) given me towards this purpose. The gift by itself can effect nothing but if it calls forth other gifts it will not have been in vain. I remember only a few years back the girls of this college were knocking at the University doors asking for admittance. The doors of the University then were closed to women. Now they are open and a number of old girls from this College represent you there. St. Stephen's Hall has been opened. In a sense it is a child of St. Stephen's Girls' College. It would make this Speech Day memorable indeed if benefactors were to come forward and give a substantial lead for the carrying out of this so important a project. "In faith go forward"—that is the challenge that I would leave ringing in your ears as I sit down.

And now Mrs. Luard in the name of the College Council and of the girls and of all present I know I can offer you a most hearty welcome to our midst and I will ask you kindly to present the cups and certificates.

The Path of Progress.

Mrs. Luard, in a short speech, referred with regret to the absence of Lady Clementi, who she said, they would all be glad to know was making good progress towards recovery. She was personally sorry that Lady Clementi was not there to give away the prizes, as she rather preferred to enjoy hearing Lady Clementi speak than making a speech herself. She knew, however, that one of the characteristics of St. Stephen's Girls' College

was that they were kind, and she hoped that in this instance they would also be kind to her and excuse her from making a long speech. She referred to their late Principal, Miss Middleton Smith, paying a tribute to her connexion with the school, and in this respect also stated that their present Headmistress, Miss Atkins, had given much of that help which had placed the College on the path of progress both as regards school and social work.

Speaking of social work rendered by the pupils in many ways, Mrs. Luard referred to the splendid sum of over \$1,600 which they had succeeded in raising for the M.C. L. funds. She congratulated the Headmistress and her staff and wished the College all success. (Applause).

The Prize List.

Following is the prize-list:

Matriculation.

Scholarship Cup: Li Luk-wa, Tso Lai-ki.

Senior.

Scholarship Cup: Phoebe To, (distinction in needlework); Eva Chan, Diana Ho, Irene To, Tso Dam-chow, Lee Mei-yuk, Pansy Shaw, Ellen Tsao.

Junior.

Scholarship Cup: Choy Oi-chee, Distinction in History, Needlework, and Scripture; Chan Yuk-sin, (Needlework); Daisy Ho, Music; Kwok Wai-fan, (Needlework); Chan Shuk-hang, Music, (Needlework); Au Yuet-hang, Chan Wai-lan, Cheng Mei-hing, Kwok Pui-chee, Lau Pui-yew, Olga Surh, Yeung Yuk-ming.

Essays on Social Service.

Senior: Li Luk-wa.
Junior: Esther Lyen.



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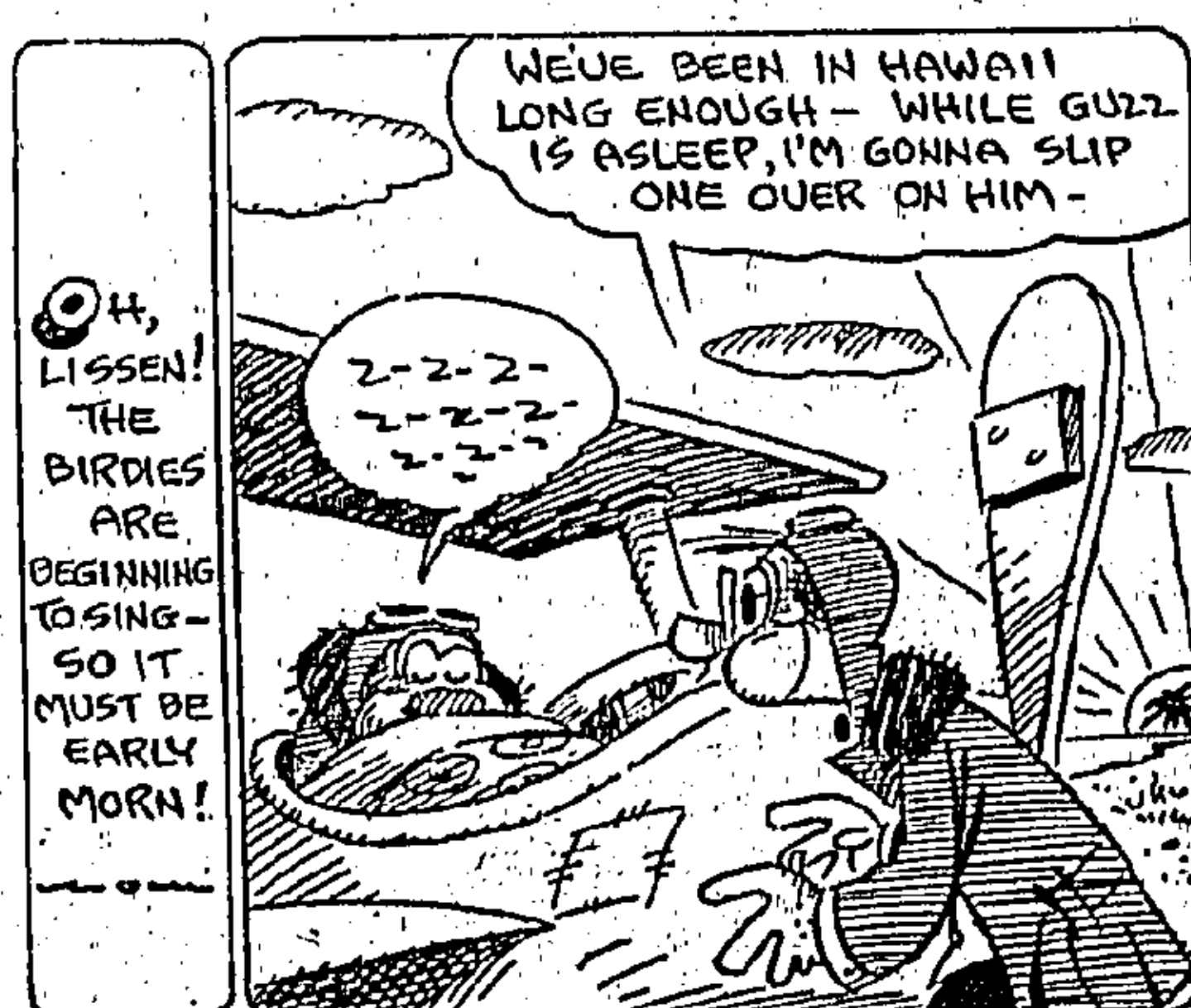
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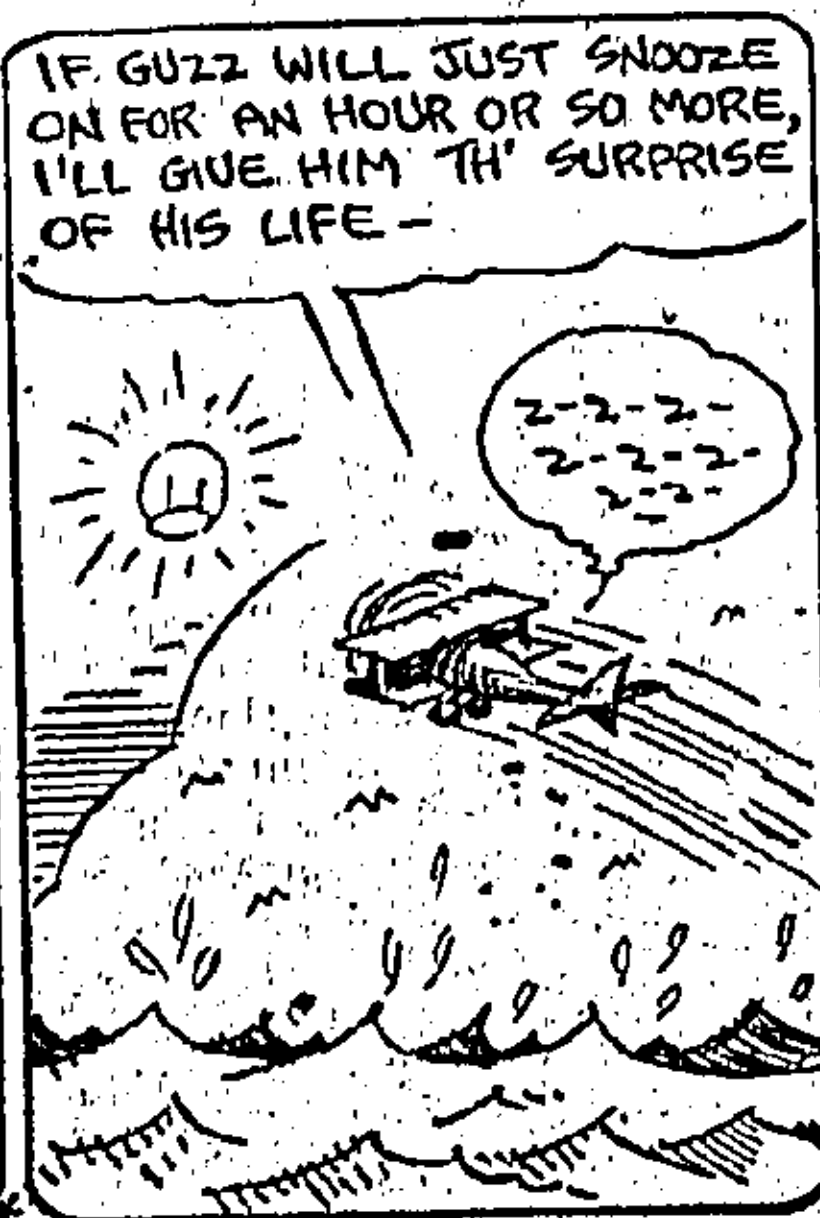


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CHAPTER XIX.

Anthony came to the breakfast table with a clean morning face and his hair sleek from the water. Dash, who had listened to the singing voice in the bathroom, his head comically on one side, with the flap of the ear that listened, just slightly turned back, ran with a joyous bark to meet the young man as he came into the breakfast-room, where there was a cheerful fire and the bacon and sausages sizzled over the hearth.

Mrs. de Burgh, holding out a greeting hand from where she sat behind the tea-cups, remarked a little sadly that Dash was always a man's dog, although he condescended to her and Beata.

Captain Napier had to be back at Warley by nine o'clock on the Sunday evening. Fortunately the moon was full, and if the frost lasted, the walk would be agreeable.

His suit-case was easily carried, he said, adding with a laugh that he always travelled light. He looked very goodly in his grey muffs, the girl thought, with the light on his sleek, slightly curling head and his laughing eyes. Just a little shy, full moon her. It was absurd to think that they had known each other for such a little time and had met in such a chance way; and he was so humble and grateful for their acceptance of him.

Certainly Anthony Napier's way with women was to be commended. He looked at Mrs. de Burgh with such an air of homage whenever he had occasion to address her. But usually he looked at Beata as though he could not help it, as though his eyes were drawn that way.

"What are you going to do this morning?" Mrs. de Burgh asked as the sun came in at the window and made a miniature splash of light in the silver teapot she was handling. "What do you think?"

She looked at Anthony Napier, who coloured a little while he laughed. It was an enduring way he had to colour easily.

"I was thinking," he began, and hesitated. "Please go on," said Mrs. de Burgh. "I warn you I am not going to make any expeditions in this weather. They are for the young. I might walk a little way to get my blood into circulation, but—"

"I was thinking," said the young man, again with the ingenuous blush, "that we might look for a church, if it is not too far off. I'm rather a slacker, as a rule, about Church Parade, but just because it is so nice to be here."

Mrs. de Burgh said afterwards that it was charming, and expected, naively, that one did not expect too much church-going from men, and that it was sweet he should have put it that way, as a thanksgiving.

She went with them when they were ready, saying that she would go a certain distance and bring back Dash, since they were bent on church-going.

She found Mrs. Cronch making her bed when she went to put on her furs, wearing that air of a dull resignation which had come to her during the last few days. She answered her mistress's question by saying that Cronch had not yet come back, but she supposed he would, since he had come before.

Something in the patience, the dumb resignation of Mrs. Cronch's look moved Mrs. de Burgh. It was as though an animal suffered.

"My dear soul!" she said, impulsively, and pressed a little fluttering kiss on Mrs. Cronch's cheek, which, suddenly, blushed darkly.

"You shouldn't do it, my dear, you shouldn't do it. Not to the likes of me," said Mrs. Cronch, with an almost painful humility, and turned back to her bed-making as though she was overwhelmed. But the dull resignation had lifted from her face. She looked brighter, more human.

Dash was with difficulty deterred from the prospect of a longer walk, and accompanied Mrs. de Burgh with a rather lagging gait, after Beata and Anthony Napier had gone on their way. He stopped now and again to turn and look wistfully the way they had gone. But after a time he apparently made up his mind that

it was no use crying over spilt milk, and trotted along quite cheerfully by Mrs. de Burgh's side.

Far and near the snow showed dazlingly bright in the sunshine; in the shadows it was a cold deep indigo by comparison. She was pausing suddenly, seeing before her, black upon the snow a queer figure of a man. Cronch—was it Cronch? Could it be he? If it was Cronch he was strangely altered from the man they had found at their first coming. The figure shuddered. There was something about its shoulders black and shapeless, something that clapped as he walked. It might be an old coat fastened by a button across the chest, leaving the sleeves flapping. The figure had a queer resemblance, seen against the snow, to a ragged, dilapidated old crow.

It was not possible it could be Cronch. Cronch had obviously been going down hill of late, but he had hardly gone so fast that he could make such a scarecrow of himself. Where on earth had he sprung from? He had appeared so suddenly; one moment she had been dazzled by the snow to the point of seeing nothing, but the silent, scintillating world, its trees coated in rime. The next the strange figure had been there with the half-animal shuffling trot which she could hardly believe to be Cronch's.

The figure disappeared in the steely shadow of the house, or was invisible to her. It must be Cronch. He had crossed the bridge over the moat and come into the courtyard.

She stopped, with a hand on Dash's head. She had had a hard thought, Cronch must have broken out seriously. Only the obscuration of much drink would have explained his strange appearance. For a moment, she wished that Anthony Napier was at hand; but, after all, what was she afraid of? She had the dog, and she had a conviction that Mrs. Cronch might be equal in an emergency to handling Cronch, and was to be depended upon if danger menaced her or Beata. He was a flabby man, and she was a big, massively built woman. There had been something sinister about that shuffling figure. She was glad she had not come upon it in twilight or the dark.

She recalled with aversion Beata's story of Cronch's cruelty to the cat, wondering what had become of the wretched victim.

As though in answer she heard a pitiful mew close at hand, the small sound a cat makes when it just opens its mouth and closes it again.

She looked about her, startled. There was no sign of a cat. On one side lay the windmill, with its rusted sails, the other the Temple with the coffin of little Thelma Pomplia who had died twenty-three years after Christ was born.

She turned her eyes, from one side to the other. There was nothing to account for the mewing. The door of the windmill hung on its hinge as it had hung since they came. She knew what she should find inside, dead leaves drifted thickly, a broken wheelbarrow, a rusted lawn-mower, various old garden implements. The cat was not there. She had not supposed it would be. Ivy had run over the windmill, and long festoons of it caught when the sails of the mill moved in the last storm, still trailed upon them.

As she crossed the bridge by which the grotesque figure had gone she heard the faint mewing again, but at a greater distance. It disturbed her. Perhaps the cat was lying somewhere unable to move. The mewing was so small and pitiful. She could see the little pink cavity of the cat's mouth and the rough tongue as she made the mew.

No use asking Dash to help. Dash gazed over the distant landscape with a stolid indifference to the sounds which seemed to have grown weaker.

Suddenly it occurred to her that Dash had not growled when the black figure appeared on the snow. It must have been Cronch then, that settled it.

(To be continued.)

WORLD'S ECONOMIC SITUATION.

HAMBURG CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REPORT.

A special Hamburg correspondent has informed us that the annual meeting of Ein Ehrbarer Kaufmann took place on December 31st, and that on this occasion—according to custom—the Report of the Chamber of Commerce was read. Owing to the important economic problems discussed in it we have thought fit to print the following extracts:

The fulfilment by Germany of the legal and financial obligations imposed upon her under the terms of the Versailles treaty—which, according to the unanimous views of all competent critics, can only be fulfilled by a country whose productive capacity is utilised to the fullest extent and whose industries are thoroughly rationalised—is made difficult by the ambiguous attitude of the creditor countries which, by demanding reparations, force Germany to extend her foreign markets, whilst endeavouring, on the other hand, to protect their own nationals from the inevitable economic consequences of their demand by endless restrictions to trade.

Germany's Unemployed.

Nevertheless it appears, that, as far as Germany's productive economy is concerned, there is no special cause for anxiety. Work has been found for the greater part of the number of unemployed (of whom there were as many as 1,800,000 at the close of January 1927), which number went down by the end of August to about 400,000. A feature indicative of the economic improvement in regard to the manufacture of apparatus used for productive purposes is the iron consumption which, from 1,169,000 tons in January rose to 1,561,000 tons in August. The chief imports are foodstuffs and raw materials (about 80 to 85 % of the totals), and the chief exports finished articles (about 70 to 75 % of the totals). Seeing that both the imports of raw materials and the exports of finished articles show a slowly rising tendency, the inference is permissible that the country is making considerable economic efforts. During the six months from January to June 1926—when the effects of the economic crisis were still in evidence—the value of the exports in finished articles was 2,945,000 reichsmarks, whereas the corresponding figure for 1927 is 4,117,000 reichsmarks.

Need for Capital.

Economists at home and abroad agree that Germany, for her recuperation, needs capital, and that the country's own savings and reserves are not sufficient to supply it. Moreover, foreign financiers are willing to advance the required capital to Germany, thus giving a clear proof of their confidence in Germany's economic future. The Chamber of Commerce is of the opinion that it would be wrong to draw unduly pessimistic conclusions from the country's indebtedness, and from the fact that imports exceed exports very considerably, because the relevant figures imply changes and adjustments that require long periods of time for their completion. The main concern, after all, is not concerned with ascertaining the quantities of commodities that cross the various national frontiers, but with the extent, the cost and the yield of production and with the distribution of the latter for the purposes of capital formation and spending out of income.

The Dawes Plan is a tentative arrangement for the international transfer of debts from one currency to a plurality of others. The total amount to be transferred in this way has not been fixed, but will be left to future developments. Germany, by declaring her willingness to submit this experiment to the test of practical experiments, has taken upon herself an obligation which is also of great interest in connexion with the problem of international indebtedness, which, apart from the inseparable association of reparation debts and war loan debts—is subject to the same economic difficulties resulting from the international transfer of assets not prompted by the normal commercial laws of supply and demand.

The Dawes Plan.

Although the German reparation transfer problem has not yet put the feasibility of the Dawes Plan to a crucial test, the recent correspondence between the German Government and the Reparation Agent (October 20 to November 5, 1927) has revealed the existence of some latent uneasiness regarding the future execution of the transfer.

In so far as the General Agent's memorandum criticises the extent of the expenditure of the Reich and the Federal States, it must be

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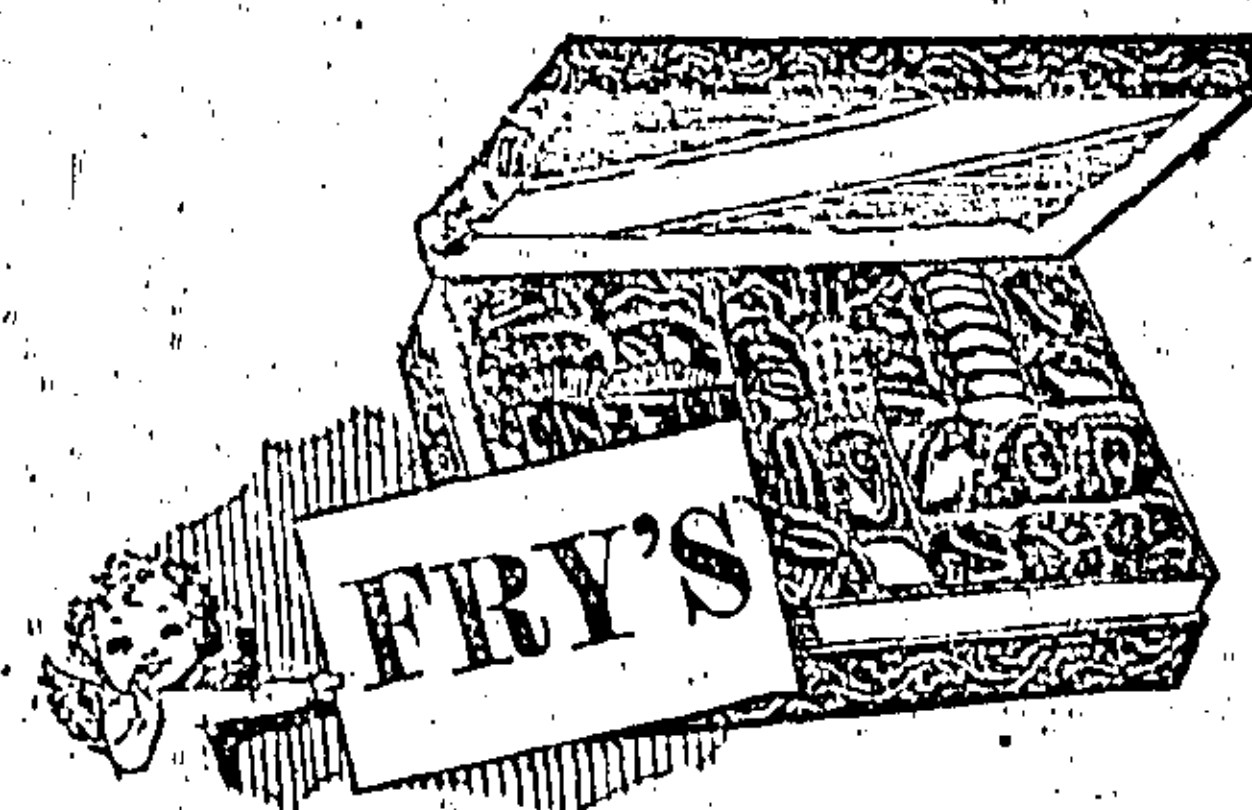
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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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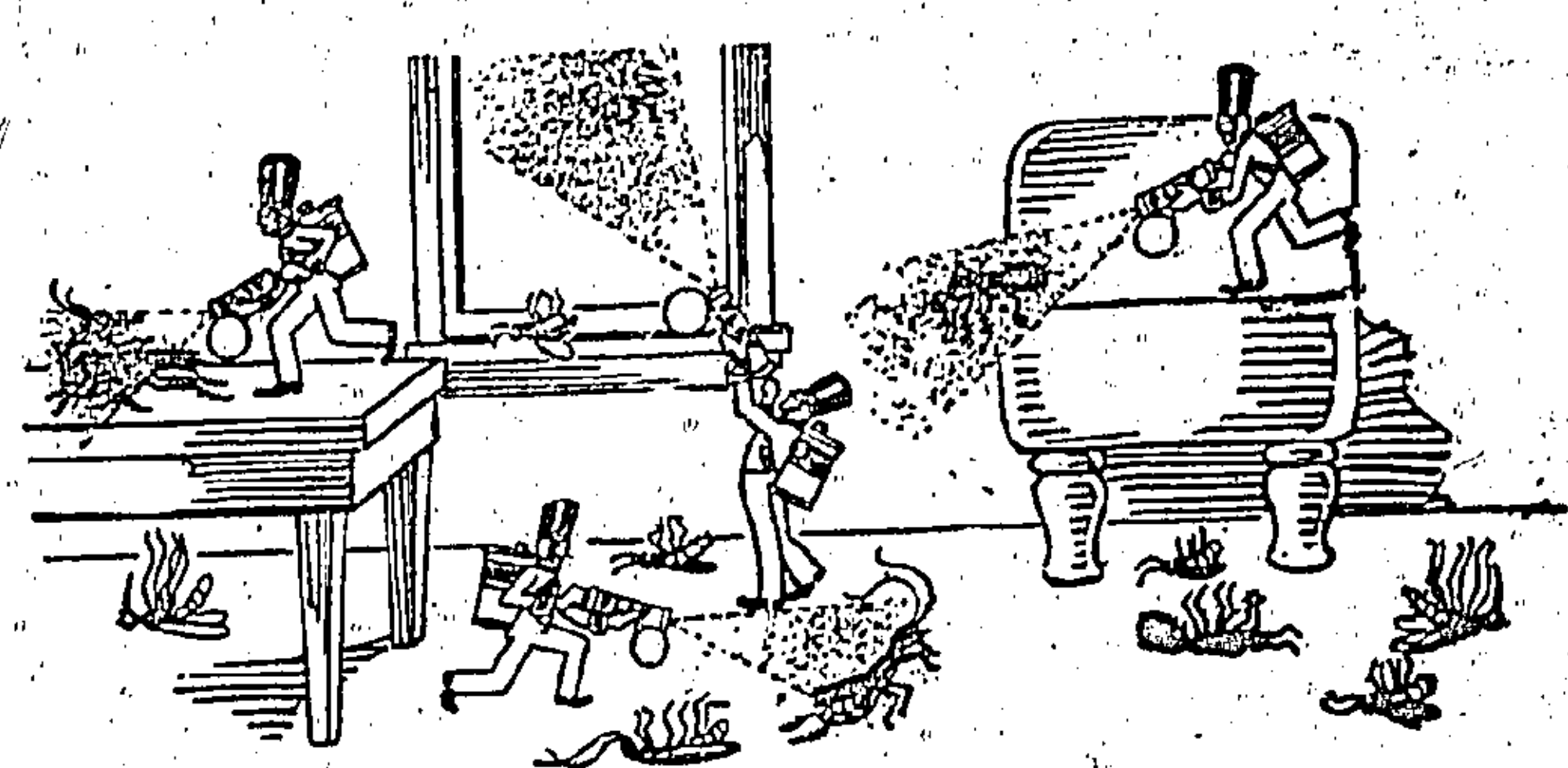
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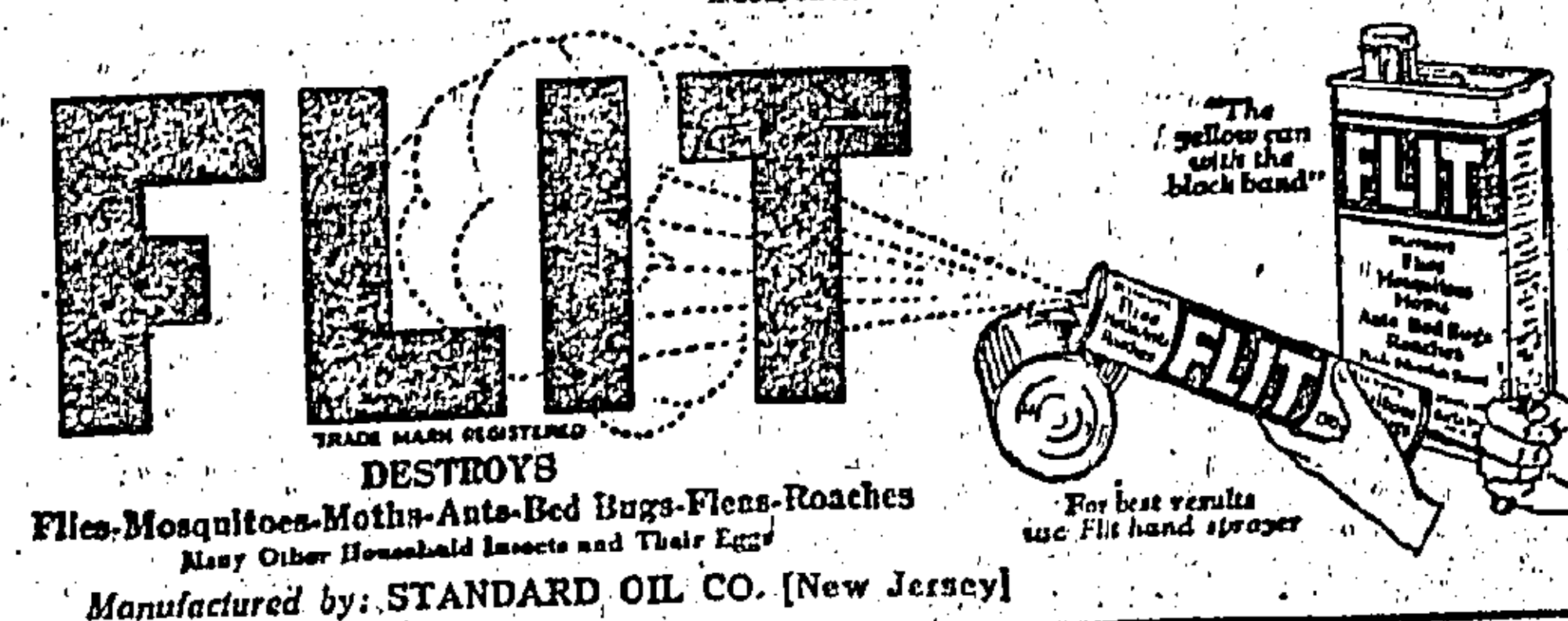
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Mr. Clifford Hawley, President of the First National Pictures has announced that there had been a combination of the British motion picture enterprises, controlled by Lord Ashfield and Lord Beaverbrook, in England, with the British subsidiary companies of the First National Company and the

Stanley Company of America for the production, distribution and exhibition of films throughout the United Kingdom. The combine's are said to exceed 150,000,000 dollars (£30,000,000). The new company plans to erect a picture theatre in the West End of London which will have seating capacity for 5,000.

Mme. Marie Laparacrie, sister of the Paris actress, Cora Laparacrie, was awarded £350 as compensation for a scar which she claimed prevented her from wearing a low-neck gown. The scar was the sequel to a motor-car accident, and Mme. Laparacrie sued the motorist who was alleged to be responsible for the accident. A Paris court up-held her claim and awarded her the above-mentioned sum as damages.

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STUDENTS' QUARREL.

MANSLAUGHTER CASE CONTINUED.

The case was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday, in which Lo Chi-hing, a student, is charged with manslaughter. This is the sequel to a school-boys' scuffle in the rooms of the South China Athletic Association in China Building, in which the defendant is alleged to have struck a blow from the effects of which Ho Kwong-hoi, a pupil of St. Paul's College, died twelve hours later.

Defendant's Statement.

Detective Inspector Lane gave evidence of the defendant making a statement after being cautioned. The statement was "I did not strike him. We were only playing. I only gave him a light smack on the face." The defendant signed his name in English.

Mr. Lindsell remarked he would like an explanation of the cock and bull story told to the defendant when asked to go to the police Station about his presence being required to find a friend who was missing.

Sub-Inspector Stimson replied it told immediately the defendant might have been surprised that he might have made a statement detrimental to himself. He thought it best to take him to Inspector Lane first.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that seemed a very fair and satisfactory answer and Mr. Turner concurred. After evidence of arrest had been given Mr. Turner outlined his defence.

He said that on behalf of his client and family he would like to express the deepest sympathy with the family of the deceased in their loss and would like to personally associate himself with that expression. He commented he did so more readily and sincerely because he thought that in the closing stages of the prosecution he had detected in certain of the witnesses an attempt to obtain what could only be described as revenge. Continuing he said the case resolved itself into the effects of a certain injury received by Ho Kwong-hoi through a blow. His Worship had to determine whether or not there was sufficient evidence to justify the defendant being sent for trial.

Witnesses Censured.

When they examined the evidence they found that the evidence of the third witness, Lo Chi-ming was the only conflicting evidence. Mr. Turner analysed the evidence given with regard to the blow as given by the other witnesses and with regard to their positions as to what they could see. All the witnesses, with the one exception, described the blow as a slap with an open hand.

However Lo Chi-ming gave different evidence with regard to that. His evidence was exactly like the others until he came to the blow. Then, he said, the defendant hit Ho on the left cheek between the eye and the ear. The blow was swift and hard and Ho's left cheek grew red.

Continuing Mr. Turner pointed out how that witness had "shifted his ground" under cross-examination and remarked that he had

tried to be more clever than counsel. Mr. Turner submitted that the witness's demeanour in the box was unsatisfactory. He could only describe him and his brother Lo Man-pun as the evil geniuses of the case.

Lo Man-pun made a statement to the police which they considered valueless as evidence for the prosecution. The case was opened and relatives of Ho were present in court. They saw how the case was going and then, just before the adjourned hearing of the case, he came along to the police and said he would like to give evidence.

Mr. Lindsell remarked he did not think that was quite fair as the witness did not come along then.

On referring to dates Mr. Turner pointed out that the case opened at 2.15 p.m. on January 12 and on the following morning the witness made his offer.

Mr. Brooks pointed out that the witness had said long before that that he would give evidence.

Mr. Turner remarked that the witness had given the police an entirely different story to what he had done that day.

The mistake by the Magistrate was admitted and Mr. Turner continued.

Discharge Asked For.

Mr. Turner recalled the medical evidence of Dr. A. Cannon, who had said the blow could not have produced that result. For that reason Mr. Turner asked his Worship to discharge the defendant.

Mr. Lindsell remarked that he thought he had to look at the case only from one point of view, and he felt certain that no jury would be likely to convict on the evidence. At the same time, taking a proper view, one was led to the conclusion that it was a blow by the defendant that led to Ho's death. No other explanation was forthcoming and he felt that the defendant should answer to a jury on the charge that had been laid against him. He thought that Mr. Turner had a case to answer.

The first witness for the defence was Dr. J. W. Anderson who said that the blow he had seen demonstrated could not possibly have caused the injuries found at the post mortem examination by Dr. Cannon. He considered that, of the two explanations offered, a fall in the street was the most likely cause. A blow on the left temple would not be expected to be followed by a flushing of the cheek.

In a fall, owing to the anatomy of the skull it would be difficult for the artery to be ruptured unless the fall was on a projecting surface. He did not see why it was necessary there should be abrasions in the case of such a fall as the projecting surface might be blunt or the blow in falling might be softened by a felt hat brim, a sleeve, or rolled up paper ball.

Blow From Fist.

A blow from a fist would not be likely to cause a bruise of the size of four inches by five inches. He would expect a smaller bruise. After examining the defendant's clenched fist witness said he considered it unlikely that that fist would cause such a bruise. He quoted an authority which stated that in a rupture of the artery the

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If there had been a fall in the case, under consideration it must have been a forceful one.

The case was adjourned until Thursday and Friday mornings at eleven o'clock.

Bail Altered.

Before the rising of the court Mr. Turner said that with the approach of the Chinese New Year the defendant's parents and friends who were not wealthy people, found it inconvenient to have \$1,000 tied up in cash bail. He asked a variation of the bail saying that a reputable firm would put up a bond.

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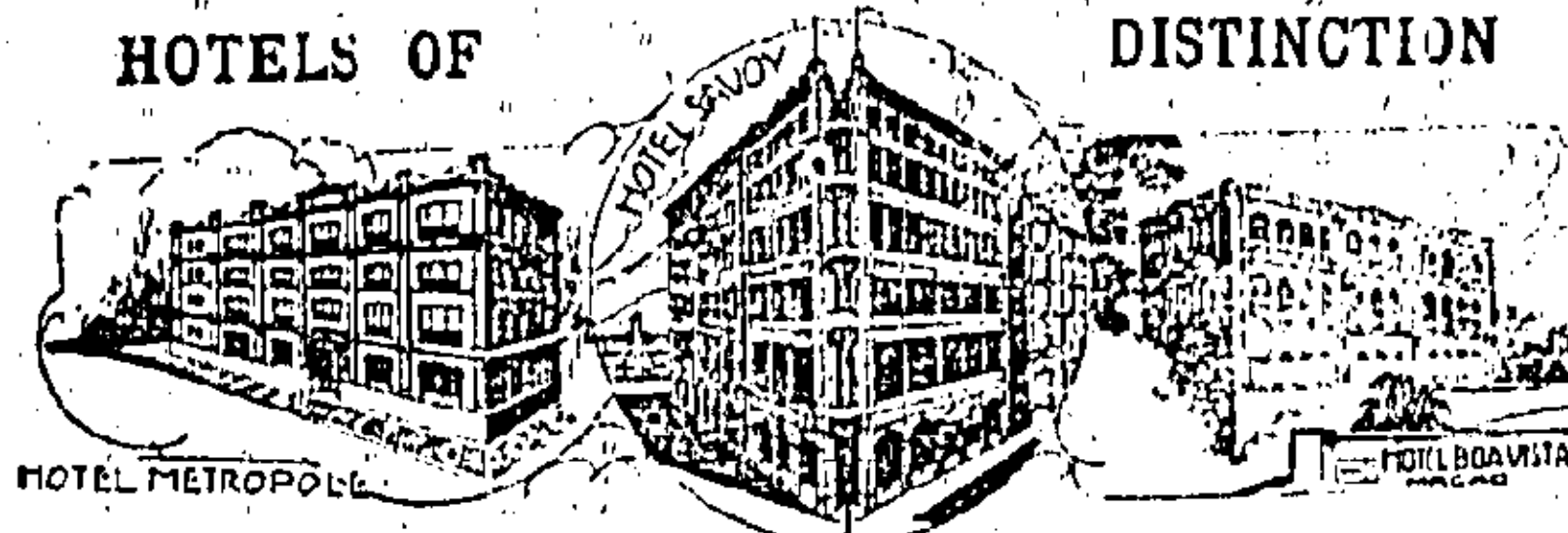
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TRAGIC PIRATE OUTRAGE.

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This gave the officers something of a breathing space, but they maintained a fire while the pirates were leaving. The latter also continued to fire, however. Mr. Conway was then examined and it was found that nothing could be done for him.

Apparently all the pirates on the ship jumped overboard and swam out to sampans lying a fair distance away. Although the defence of the ship had been carried out, there were still pirates to be dealt with and the San Nam Hoi was swung round so that the sampans could be covered with rifles. Winchester rifles were used on the bridge, and a number of shots hit the sampan. It was impossible to tell how many casualties were effected amongst those on board.

The pirates were forced to make for the shore, there being a heavy rifle fire aimed at them. All ducked deep into the sampan to utilise the cover available to the best advantage.

The pirates were too busy concealing themselves to reply to the fire, even supposing that their arms were still effective. Although they escaped from the ship, the pirates did not escape entirely, as when they reached the shore they ran into a body of Merchant Volunteers who arrested them.

Some Arrests.

Mr. Houghton understands that fifteen pirates were arrested while six or seven others were dead. At the moment it is not clear how the casualties were suffered. Some of the pirates, of course, may have been shot in the sampans, and the number may include some who might have been drowned. Then again, casualties may have been inflicted by the Volunteers on shore who are understood to have fired at the pirates.

When it was clear that the pirates had left the ship, Mr. Houghton, acting on instructions from the Captain, went off to see what had happened to the Indian guards. One man was lying dead on the doorstep of his quarters. It is believed that the guard, who was at the grille at the time the attack was opened, was looking down the companion-way when he was shot in the head. He was then, apparently, able to make his way off.

In their quarters were three other Indian guards, all wounded. It is presumed that they were having breakfast at the time of the attack and that they were shot without warning. It would appear that the pirates made an attempt to disarm them and place them under control, but took the stronger measure of shooting them without warning.

Guards Shot.

The dead man found on the doorstep, who presumably had been shot at the companion-way and had then run along the deck, was shot in the head, the right breast and the abdomen. He also had another wound in the stomach.

Another guard was shot in the abdomen while in his bunk. A third was wounded in the wrist and shoulder and the fourth in the left wrist and right thigh. The three wounded men in the cabin were all alive, but one died later, making two dead and two wounded. The movements of the other two guards have not yet been determined.

Questioned with regard to the wounds inflicted on Mr. Conway, Mr. Houghton said he had a large wound just below the throat, one in the right cheek and wounds in each thigh. He did not think Mr. Conway had had time to fire. He must have been shot dead just after he left his cabin.

Asked if he recognised any of the pirates as belonging to former crews of the San Nam Hoi, Mr. Houghton said that owing to the fight he had no opportunity of studying any of the men, but was under the impression that one man was formerly employed by the comprador of the San Nam Hoi.

Engines Not Stopped.

At no time of the piracy were the engines stopped. Meeting with resistance from the bridge, the pirates had apparently no opportunity of taking control of the engine-room. When the vessel reached Kam Chuk, the ensign was reversed and half masted. The San Nam Hoi's greatest need at that time was assistance for the injured men and this was forthcoming when H. M. S. Faulkner was met at First Cliffs.

Naval Party Comes Aboard.

The San Nam Hoi hove to and an armed party from the Faulkner boarded her. First aid was given to the wounded, but they were not removed from the San Nam Hoi. The Faulkner then escorted the vessel to Pakkai, the naval party being withdrawn. At Pakkai, the master of the San Nam Hoi communicated with the police and Merchant Volunteer organisations who made a search of the ship. The crew was questioned and two men were taken off the ship to shore.

If anything was taken from the San Nam Hoi by the pirates when they left, the loot could only have consisted of arms. Nothing else was interfered with in the pirates' haste to leave the scene of a ghastly failure.

The San Nam Hoi, now, bears mute evidence of the force fight which raged on board her yesterday morning. The ship is pitted with bullet-holes, all these being at the fore end of the ship. Several bullet-holes passed through both the mess room and an adjacent passenger cabin, while another shattered the mess room window and then lodged in the woodwork surrounding a mirror. The wood of the cabin is torn in many places, testifying to the large number of shots fired at the defenders of the bridge.

Capt. Sparkes, who not only fired at the pirates but was in sole charge of the bridge, had little cover. He fired by stepping out of the wheel-house to the wings of the bridge, so directing his shots towards the pirates.

NAVAL REPORT.

Chinese Authorities Make Arrests.

A brief Naval Wireless message states that the pirates launched their attack when the vessel was in the neighbourhood of Pakkai at about half past nine yesterday morning. In the ensuing fight, the Chief Officer was numbered among the fatal casualties, also two Indian guards, while two other Indian guards received wounds. Casualties sustained by the pirates are believed to include six men who were killed in a sampan.

When their attempt to gain command of the vessel failed, the pirates escaped by jumping into the sea.

Action has been taken by the local Cantonese authorities in the vicinity of Min Hoi village which has resulted in 11 suspects being apprehended in that village and also others in the district.

Former members of the ship's crew who were discharged and who are associated with the branch of the Seamen's Union at Pakkai are believed to have planned the piracy.

INTERESTING DETAILS.

The Pirated Vessel.

The San Nam Hoi, formerly named the Tai On, and before that the Tai On, is a steel screw steamer of 722 tons gross and 427 net. She was built in Hongkong by the Kwong Hip Lung as long ago as 1891 and was engaged by the same firm with 57 N. H. P. The vessel was rebuilt in 1914 by the Kwong Fat firm of Hongkong.

The owners of the San Nam Hoi are the Fat Hing Steamship Company, of 144, Des Voeux Road West, Hongkong. The vessel, which is registered in Canton, is 172.3 feet in length, with a beam of 35.1 feet and a moulded depth of 10.1 feet. Mr. M. F. Houghton, the Chief Engineer, is a British subject aged 25, who has been two years on the San Nam Hoi without having previously encountered pirates. He is the only European member of the engine room staff, the second and third engineers being Chinese. A fitter, two Chinese greasers, four firemen and two trimmers complete the personnel under his supervision.

The Deceased Officer.

The late Mr. Conway was about 45 years of age and was an old China coast hand. He had been in the San Nam Hoi for some time, at least since 1925. It is understood that he was not married and has no relatives in Hongkong.

A man of retiring habits, he was well read and his most popular rendezvous was the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, where he spent most of his time on shore. There he had many friends and was universally liked for his geniality.

RAISING MONEY FOR NEW YEAR.

GAMBLERS CAUGHT AT NORTH POINT.

A sign of the close proximity of the Chinese New Year is the fact that most of the coolie class of Chinese take to all forms of gambling in order to raise a little ready cash with which to tide over the festive season.

Twenty such persons were charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with gambling in North Point on the premises of the Hongkong Electric Company. The game they chose was fan tan and so interested were the players in the chances of the game that the arrival of the police was unobserved, with the result that all the gamblers were taken into custody. They were fined \$3 each. A confiscation order was made by the magistrate in relation of \$10.90, which was being staked at the time of the raid.

Another enterprising Chinese sought to make a fortune out of small boys in Shaokwan. With three dice and a piece of cloth on

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

HOW TO REMOVE CAUSES OF BASHFULNESS.

SOME COMMON CAUSES.

Some people are abnormally bashful, modest or shy. Such people are likely to resent violently the insinuation that they feel themselves inferior.

It has been pointed out that a hunchback, a dwarf or a person with a clubfoot is not likely to be shy because his inferiority is obvious. The one who is abnormally shy is the one who feels inferior but is unwilling to admit it.

The boy in school who through some accident is stigmatised as a coward may be left with awkward shyness for the rest of his life. Sometimes these people are relieved by finding themselves under circumstances under which the majority of those present suffer fear.

Common Causes.

In a consideration of the subject, some physicians point out that inability to play games will often cause a feeling of inferiority that persists into later life. A real or fancied absence of physical attractiveness is a fairly common cause of shyness in men.

Shyness is, moreover, a constant characteristic of a person of fairly lowly origin who finds himself thrown suddenly into association with the wealthy, the aristocratic, or the socially superior.

The younger members of a family who are sometimes unwarrantably expected to measure up to the brilliant accomplishments of a parent or of older members of the family not infrequently suffer with an inferiority that manifests itself in shyness.

The philosophers are likely to call the symptom of shyness by the name of fear. The word "fear" is a bitter word and the mere characterization of manifestations by such a word may intensify them and be harmful to the patient. Shyness seems to be an attempt of a person to escape some difficult situation.

Blushing.

Inordinate blushing has usually been associated with shyness or modesty; on the other hand, the symptom appears also in anger. The philosophers try to reason that the blush of embarrassment is after all associated with a feeling of anger against the situation and against the person who caused the embarrassment.

The condition is not infrequently associated also with stammering, which is another method of attempting to escape from a situation in which the person feels inferior. A competent investigator of diseases of the mind is usually able to find out for the individual the particular factors in his life that have made him feel inferior and through proper suggestion to enable him to overcome his disability.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

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1. Better by one hundredweight per acre.
2. Ten. 3. By embedding it in five inches of solid concrete. 4. Titanic. 5. Sapphires. 6. Portia. 7. Guinevere. 8. Marie Antoinette. 9. A term of expression peculiar to a language. (b) any two written consonants expressing a single sound, e.g., ph, ch, or two vowels pronounced as one, e.g., "ea" in "head." (c) exaggerated phrase for the sake of emphasis. 6. No-winged insects do not grow. Little blue belong to a different species from big ones. 7. Because of the special purity of the water and the Highland air, uncontaminated by smoke. 8. King Canute; succeeded. 9. Shattered the Unreal. 10. Who fled to Normandy in 1013. 11. Factious—belonging to a faction or party; factitious—artificial, sham; fictitious—false, imaginary. 12. (a) An angle of 90 degrees; (b) an angle less than a right angle; (c) an angle greater than a right angle. 13. collect is a short prayer, consisting of (a) an invocation suitable to the main character of the petition following; (b) and comprehensive petition; (c) a suitable conclusion. 12. Three.



The only women getting men's wages are wives.

which the odds were stated, the man set up a business in Kam Wah Street. Unfortunately for him, the police got to hear of his activities, and he was fined \$5, or, in default, seven days' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning. His gambling paraphernalia was confiscated.

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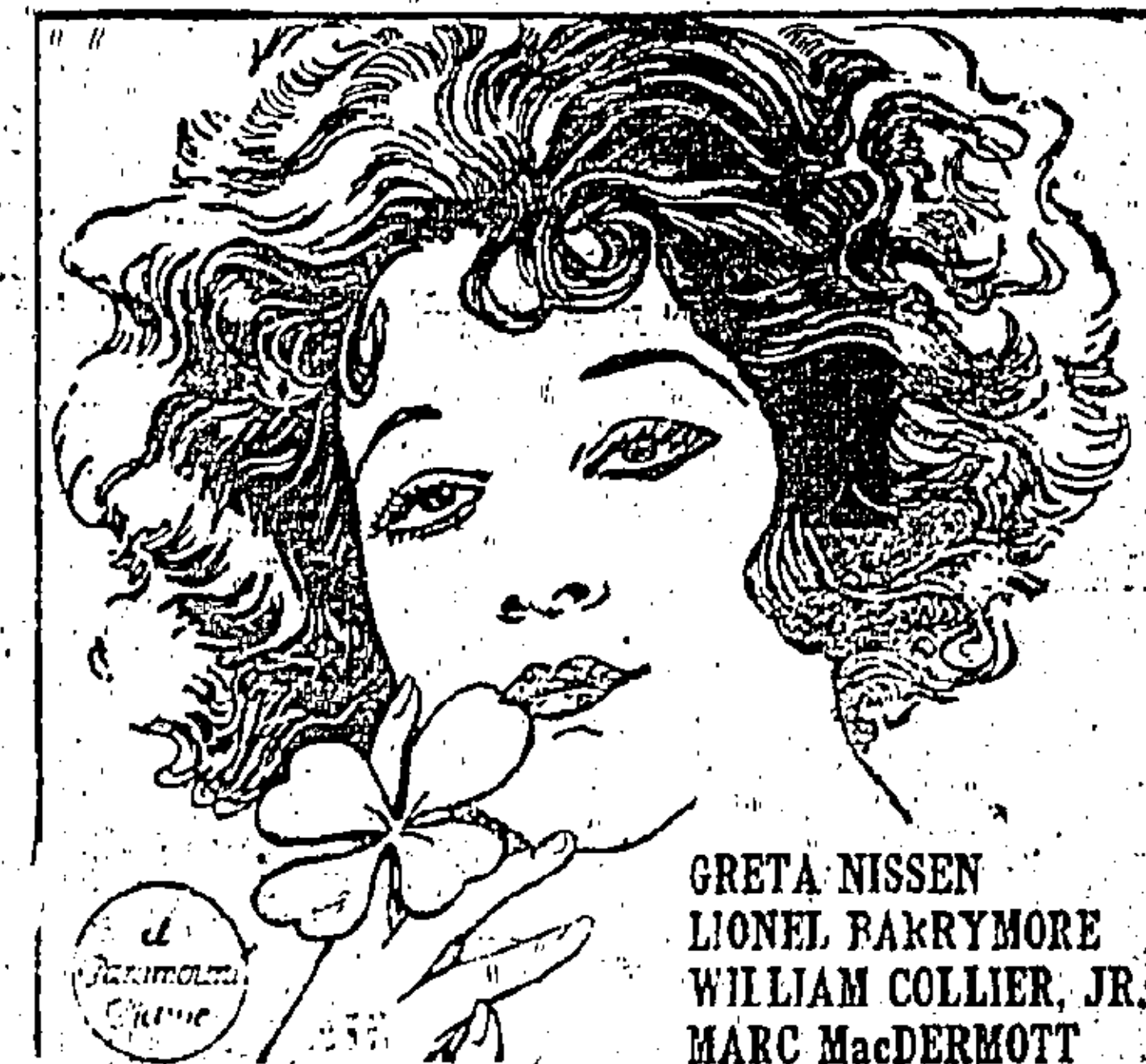
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